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JUCO BASEBALL

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Lurleen B. Wallace2-14

East Central dropped its first game of the season in Tuesday's nightcap against visiting Lurleen B. Wallace.

The Warriors, now 5-1, won the opener behind winning pitcher Colton Mitchell. Donnie Tabb, a freshman from Neshoba Central, went 3-for-4 with a double and Richie Long went 2-for-4 with a double.

Tabb took the loss in the nightcap, as Charles Hill homered and had two hits.

The Warriors visit Arkansas Baptist for a doubleheader Friday.

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ECCC Baseball Showcase set for January 23

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Neal Holliman, Diamond Warrior head coach, said the event is held "to target talented athletes that have either been recommended or spotted as viable prospects. We encourage prospective Diamond Warriors to take advantage of this opportunity and to take a closer look at our baseball program and college."

Holliman encourages pre-registration for the MVP Showcase, due to the limited space available. The registration fee is $60 per player, which includes lunch and a Showcase T-shirt.

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For more information, contact head coach Neal Holliman, (601-635-6374), or assistants Michael Avalon (601-635-6226) and Hunter Vick (601-635-6226).

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ECCC baseball to host MVP Showcase

❑ Also sets hitting clinics for kids 6-12

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Hitting clinic

Beginning in February, ECCC will be offering a hitting clinic each Thursday night throughout the month for players ages 6-12.

The cost will be $100 per player and the deadline for registration is Friday, Jan. 29. Fees include include and a t-shirt.

Players should supply their own helmet and gloves when available, as well as their own bats, shoes and jackets.

The clinic is being offered to assist players in preparations for the spring. Instruction will be provided by the ECCC coaches and players.

Each session will be from 6-8 p.m. and will be held at the indoor practice facility located in Founder's Gym. The indoor facility includes to full-length cages, an area for bunting, a pitching machine and several hitting stations.

Players will be divided into groups and will participate in drill including batting practice, tee drills, soft toss, wiffle balls, bunting techniques and other hitting-related exercises.

For more, contact the baseball office at 601-635-6347 or 601-635-6226.

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ECCC Welcomes New Warriors

Above, new members of the East Central Community College baseball team for 2010-11 were recognized during a scholarship signing ceremony held Friday, January 15 on the Decatur campus. Joining the Diamond Warrior program are area high school standouts (from left) Mitchell Wooten, a right-handed pitcher/infielder/outfielder from Edinburg; Brock Ward and Evan Humphries, both right-handed pitchers from Louisville; Quarvis Jernigan, a left-handed pitcher, also of Louisville; Dillon Alford, a left-handed pitcher and Zach Turner, a right-handed pitcher/utility player, both from Morton; Garrett Clark, a left-handed pitcher from Union; and Josh Thomas, a catcher/utility player from Choctaw Central. Standing from left are Rod Crumbley, Edinburg head baseball coach; Justin Reed, Louisville head baseball coach; ECCC baseball coaches Hunter Vick (assistant), Michael Avalon (assistant) and Neal Holliman (head); Turk Stovall, Union head baseball coach; and Derwood Munn, Choctaw Central head baseball coach.

Below, East Central Community College welcomed new members of the College's fast-pitch softball team for 2010-11 during a scholarship signing ceremony held Friday, Jan. 15 on the Decatur campus. Joining the Lady Diamond Warriors are (second from left) area high school standouts (seated from left) outfielder Layna Phillips, Leake Academy; pitcher Aime Parent, St. Amant (La.) High School; third baseman/first baseman Sam Cooley, Newton County: and outfielder Haelie Allen, Leake Academy. Also seated are Kristin Chaney (left), ECCC assistant softball coach, and Scott Hill (right), head coach. Standing from left are signees' parents and other family members, Destry and Lisa Phillips, Lena; Craig and Sherri Parent, St. Amant, La.; Becky Lockley, Regina Anderson and Stephanie and Shannon Cooley, all of Decatur; and Kathy and David Allen of Ludlow.

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Alford Inks with ECCC

Dillon Alford (seated), a left-handed pitcher at Morton High School, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Alford was among area student-athletes joining the College's baseball program for 2010-11 during a scholarship signing ceremony held Friday, January 15 in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured with the new Diamond Warrior are (seated from left) his parents, Donna and Donavan Alford; and (standing from left) Neal Holliman, ECCC head baseball coach, and Diamond Warrior assistants Hunter Vick and Michael Avalon. (EC Photo)

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Turner Joins Diamond Warrior Program

Zach Turner (seated right), a right-handed pitcher/utility player at Morton High School, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Turner was among area student-athletes joining the College's baseball program for 2010-11 during a scholarship signing ceremony held Friday, January 15 in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured with the new Diamond Warrior are (seated) his mother, Donna Kimble, and (standing from left) Neal Holliman, ECCC head baseball coach, and Diamond Warrior assistants Hunter Vick and Michael Avalon. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Diamond Warriors recognized for academics

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"We are very proud of our baseball players for their hard work and dedication in the classroom," said Holliman. "Our guys know they are students first and athletes second....and that their success in the classroom is often followed by success on the field."

Locals on the top list are Ernie Triplett, 3.44, Louisville; Tyler Dalton, 2.94, Winston Academy.

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Trio of baseball Wildcats sign with ECCC

By Austin Bishop
Winston County Journal

A trio of Louisville High School pitchers were among the first baseball signees announced by East Central Community College.

Among those signed by ECCC head coach Neal Holliman on Jan. 15 at the school's Decatur campus were LHS seniors Quarvis Jernigan, Evan Humphries and Brock Ward.

"It's an honor (to have three players sign with East Central)," said LHS head coach Justin Reed. "That's the best we to put it. All of these guys are one sport guys and have really put the time in. This was their goal and it was good to see all three of them sign."

Reed said he hoped the left-handed Jernigan would start at the top of the rotation for the Wildcats.

"When he's on the mound it makes our defense better," Reed said. "He had some control issues early in his career, but he has worked to develop the command he needs."

Reed said Humphries will play third or first for the Wildcats when he's not on the mound.

"He will start on the infield, when he's not pitching," he said. "He hits well for us and is also one of our top three guys on the hill."

Ward, who like Humphries is a right-hander, will play shortstop when he's not on the mound.

"They have to play every day and can't rest," Reed said. "Those two (Humphries and Ward) will play on the infield when they are not pitching."

He also said Jernigan would see some time in the outfield.

Also signed by ECCC on Jan. 15 were Dillon Alford and Zach Turner of Morton, Garrett Clark of Union, Josh Thomas of Choctaw Central and Mitchell Wooten of Edinburg.

ECCC Welcomes New Diamond Warriors

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LHS BOYS RUN STREAK TO 10

The Louisville High School boys basketball team just keeps on winning. The 14-3 Wildcats were owners of a 10-game winning streak heading into Tuesday night's home game with Ackerman.

LHS plays host to Amory in a key Region 4-4A game on Friday night before closing out league play at home against Houston on Tuesday.

"If we win against Amory it puts us in first or second in the district and guarantees us a berth in the playoffs," said LHS boys coach Hilute Hudson. "That will be huge for us."

Not only have the Wildcats won 10 straight, but they have not lost at home this season. "We would like to keep it that way," Hudson said.

Louisville beat non-league foe Neshoba Central 66-55 last Tuesday, before taking a 74-59 Region 4-4A road win over Caledonia on Friday.

The Wildcats had to outscore Neshoba 30-14 in the fourth quarter and Caledonia 31-23 in the final frame to take the wins.

"We have been struggling lately until the fourth quarter, then we get an extra burst of energy," Hudson said.

The Wildcats have been without Pedro Armstrong for one game and Jamere Eichelberger for two, but Hudson said both should be ready for Amory. The duo takes care of a major portion of the ball-handling duties for the 'Cats.

Armstrong had 16 points, six rebounds and three assists for LHS against Neshoba, while Damyon Lyons scored 11 points and Blake Cunningham hit for 10. C.J. Bates led the team with seven rebounds, while Cece Shell had five assists.

Tajh Ford was 14-of-21 from the free throw line against Caledonia on the way to a 32-point, 10-assist effort to lead the Wildcats. Bates scored 12 for LHS, while Juilus Gipson and Shell pitched in 10 each. Lyons led Louisville with seven rebounds, while Ford had six steals and Shell four.

The Lady Wildcats used a 23-point performance from Ecel Hogan to beat Caledonia 59-50. The Louisville girls lost to Neshoba Central 73-43, with Shaquila Graham scoring 11 points and pulling down 14 rebounds for the Lady 'Cats.

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Garrett Clark (seated center), a left-handed pitcher at Union High School, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Clark was among area student-athletes joining the college's baseball program for 2010-11 during a scholarship signing ceremony held Friday. With the new Diamond Warrior are (seated from left) his parents, Melissa and Barry Clark, and (standing) Turk Stovall, Union head baseball coach; Neal Holliman, ECCC head baseball coach; and Diamond Warrior assistants Hunter Vick and Michael Avalon.

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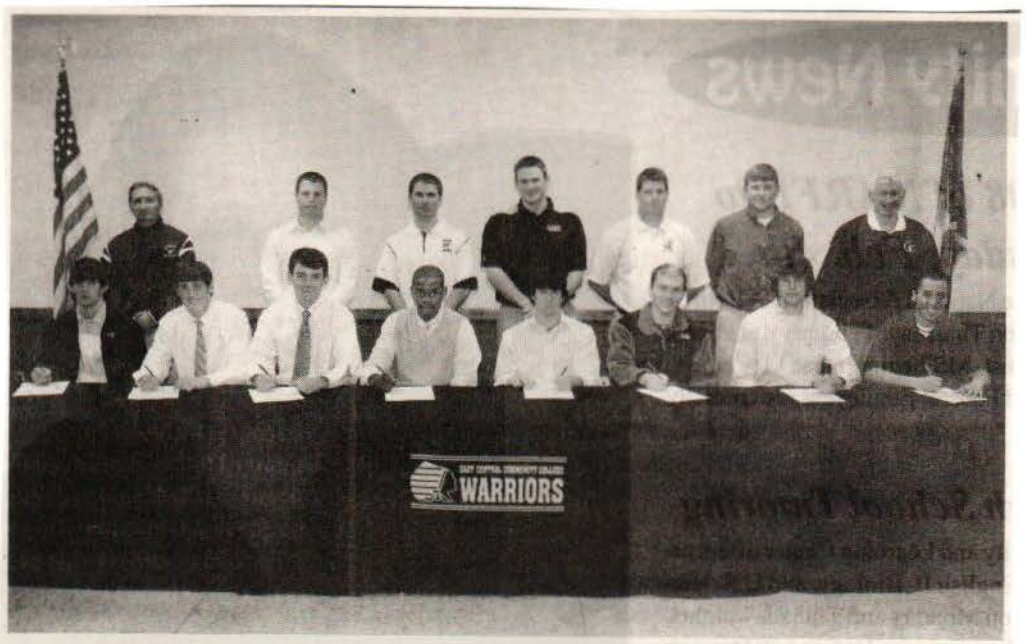

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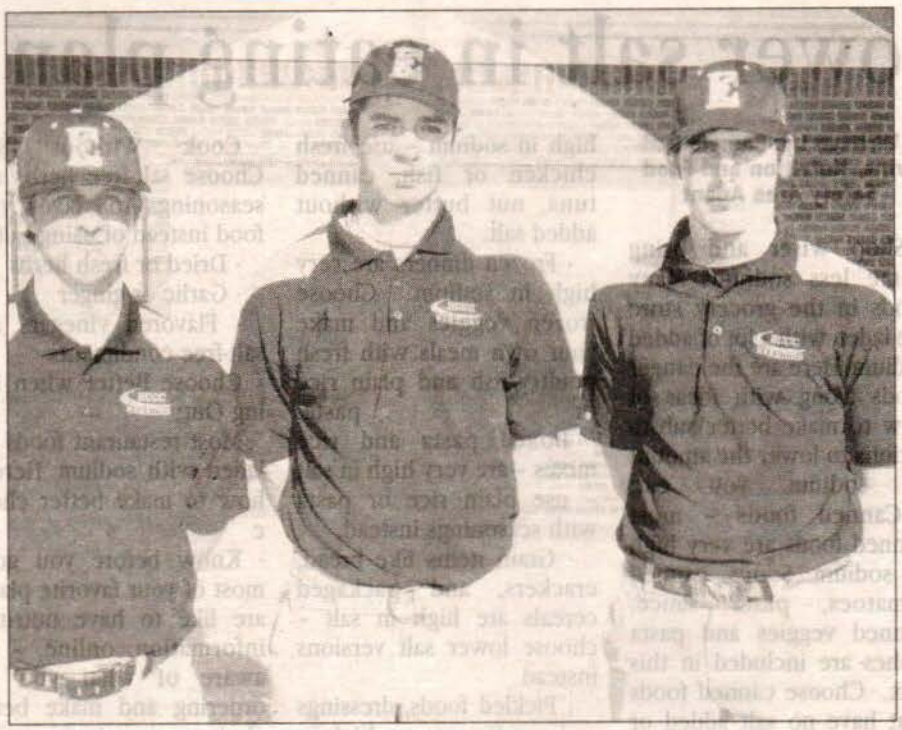

ECCC Baseball Managers

Serving as managers on the 2010 East Central Community College baseball team are (from left) Bryce Branning of Meridian, Scott Ming of Louisville and Brad Horn of Carthage. The Diamond Warriors begin season action at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 against Marion (Ala.) Military at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus. Neal Holliman is in his fourth year as Diamond Warrior head coach. Assistant coaches are Michael Avalon and Hunter Vick. (EC Photo)

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Two team members - sophomore Quin Stokes, a product of Carthage High School and freshman Joel McKee of Neshoba Central, achieved perfect 4.0 grade point averages and qualified as President's List scholars. Stokes is listed as a catcher/outfielder/infielder and McKee is a right-handed pitcher.

Other Diamond Warriors and their respective grade point averages include Vincent Kortbawi, 3.84, of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala.; Austin Buchanan, 3.79, Neshoba Central; Tyler Neal, 3.77, Edinburg; Jeremy May, 3.65, Newton County; Barry Meeks, 3.60, Patrician Academy, Sweet Water, Ala.; Bobby Bryan, 3.53, Crossett (Ark.) High School; Ricardo Velez, 3.50, Trujillo Alton, Puerto Rico; Andre Yates, 3.47, Grenada; Ernie Triplett, 3.44, Louisville; Cole Harris, 3.31, Newton County; Allen Johnson, 3.26, Leake Academy; Tyler Robinson, 3.23, Newton County; Willard Bacon, 3.20, Choctaw Central; Kevin Harris, 3.20, Newton; Colton Mitchell, 3.19, Lake; Pervis Mann, 3.17, Carthage; Drew Wilson, 3.14, Newton County; Blake Lawson, 3.10, Biloxi; Darmaal Moore, 3.06, Stone County; Tyler Dalton, 2.94, Winston Academy; Jerrod Myers, 2.84, St. Andrews; Richie Long, 2.73, Carthage; Cal Cossich, 2.61, Ocean Springs; Charles Hill, 2.56, Carthage; and Donnie Tabb, 2.50, Neshoba Central.

Holliman sets a GPA goal of 3.0 each semester. Only once has the team grade point average fallen below 3.0 since Holliman took over the Diamond Warrior program in 2006.

"We've been able to achieve a 3.0 GPA or above seven of the past eight semesters and the one semester we missed the 3.0 mark, the team finished with a 2.92," he said. "There is no doubt that the focus and discipline off the field will influence results on the field. We are obviously looking forward to a successful 2010 season."

The Diamond Warriors begin the new campaign by hosting Marion (Ala.) Military Tuesday, Feb. 9, in doubleheader action getting under way at 1 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex. The first game is a nine-inning contest and will be followed by a seven-inning matchup.

Serving as Coach Holliman's assistants are Michael Avalon and Hunter Vick.

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'Young' Warriors ready for challenging campaign

from school reports

They are young thus lacking in experience, but members of the 2010 East Central Community College baseball squad "have what it takes" to be successful, according to head coach Neal Holliman.

"We have seven sophomores and 19 freshmen on this year's squad, but we feel good about our talent level and ability to compete at a high level," said the fourth-year head coach whose first Diamond Warrior squad captured a state championship. "But what I like most about this team, is that the players work well together.and are willing to sacrifice individual performances and desires for the success of the team."

The first challenge for the new campaign is scheduled Feb. 9, when the Diamond Warriors host Marion (Ala.) Military in doubleheader action beginning at 1 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex. The first game is a nine-inning battle and will be followed by a seven-inning contest.

Jeremy May, who played multiple positions last season, is the only returnee earning post-season honors. A second-team All-State selection, the Newton County High School product batted .338 and collected 30 RBIs.

Other returnees are outfielder Ernie Triplett, left-handed pitcher Drew Wilson of Newton County, left-handed pitcher Austin Buchanan of Neshoba Central and catcher/outfielder/first baseman Quin Stokes.

Triplett and Stokes are the remaining top sluggers from last year's 19-28 squad. Triplett batted .278 with 11 RBIs and Stokes posted a .259 average and knocked in 27 runs. Wilson is the top returning hurler and posted a 3-2 record.

Other sophomores are right-handed pitcher Allen Johnson and outfielder/infielder Andre Yates, transfers from Meridian Community College and Bossier Parrish (La.) Community College, respectively. Johnson is a

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Coming Wednesday

The season preview of the 2010 East Mississippi Community College Lions baseball team.

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REACHING FOR A RETURN

The East Central Community College baseball squad. opens its season next Tuesday against Marion (Ala.) Military at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus. Team members include (front row, seated from left), manager Scott Ming, outfielder Darmaal Moore, infielder/catcher/outfielder Charles Hill, right-handed pitcher/infielder Tyler Dalton, outfielder Jarrod Myers, outfielder/second baseman Kevin Harris of Newton, catcher/infielder/outfielder Jeremy May of Newton County, left-handed pitcher Bobby Bryan, and managers Brad Horn and Bryce Branning of Meridian; (second row, from left), assistant coaches Hunter Vick and Michael Avalon, right-handed pitcher Barry Meeks, third-baseman Vincent Kortbawi, left-handed pitcher Willard Bacon of Choctaw Central, outfielder/first baseman Ricardo Velez, first baseman Richie Long, left-handed pitcher Colton Mitchell, middle infielder Blake Lawson, outfielder/infielder/right-handed pitcher Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central, student assistant Callop Hampton, and head coach Neal Holliman; and (third row, from left) outfielder/infielder Andre Yates, left-handed pitcher/outfielder Ernie Triplett, catcher/outfielder/first baseman Quin Stokes, left-handed pitcher/outfielder Pervis Mann, outfielder Tyler Robinson of Newton County, left-handed pitcher Austin Buchanan of Neshoba Central, outfielder Tyler Neal, right-handed pitcher Cal Cossich, right-handed pitcher Joel McKee of Neshoba Central, and right-handed pitcher Allen Johnson of Leake Academy.

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product of Leake Academy.

Holliman complimented the sophomores for "significantly improving their talents and understanding what it takes for them to measure up to the expectations that both the coaching staff and they as individuals have for themselves."

Holliman

Regarding the freshman class, Holliman said several players "will be major impacts" on this year's team.

"We feel good about the ability of this young group, but there is still a lot of developing to do," he said. "We will not know how good they are until the end of the season. Time is a great indicator of a team's identity, mental toughness, character and perseverance."

Freshman players are left-handed pitcher Bobby Bryan, infielder/catcher/outfielder Charles Hill, right-handed pitcher Barry Meeks, right-handed pitcher/infielder Tyler Dalton, middle infielder Blake Lawson, third baseman Vincent Kortbawi, outfielder/second baseman Kevin Harris (Newton), outfielder/infielder/right-handed pitcher Donnie Tabb (Neshoba Central), right-handed pitcher Cal Cossich, outfielder Tyler Robinson (Newton County), outfielder Jerrod Myers, outfielder Darmaal Moore, first baseman Richie Long, outfielder/first baseman Ricardo Velez, left-handed pitcher/outfielder Pervis Mann, left-handed pitcher Colton Mitchell, right-handed pitcher Joel McKee (Neshoba Central), left-handed pitcher Willard Bacon (Choctaw Central) and outfielder Tyler Neal.

Holliman said the theme for this year's squad is the same as each season — "Everything Counts."

"This (theme) refers to our conduct and production in the classroom, community and baseball field," Holliman explained. "This team has shown positive signs in all areas as they earned a 3.28 grade point average in the fall and made quality strides as a baseball team on the field during the fall season."

Holliman said players submit suggestions each year for team mottos to be voted on by coaches and players. Selected for this year's motto is "Coming Together Is a Beginning; Staying Together Is a Progress, Working Together Is a Success," submitted by freshman Jerrod Myers.

This year's team goal is also the same as in the past, which is "Maximize Our Potential" as a team and program.

"We can only achieve this goal by putting our heart and soul into every aspect of the program," Holliman said. "We stress this to our players on a daily basis, and time will dictate our willingness to perform this task."

Holliman further stated, "We are preparing for and expecting many good things from this group, but we must keep our nose to the grind stone in order to reach our potential. My main concerns are our daily mental approach, work ethic and willingness to 100 percent buy into a true team concept."

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ECCC Diamond Darlings

Members of the 2010 E Central Community Colle Diamond Darlings are (fro row, from left) Kelsie Boyk Stephanie Lee and Shann Watt, all of Louisville; Tam ra McPhail, Pelahatchie; L Hurt (president) and Alis Walker, both of Louisvill Jessica Kilpatrick, Philade phia; Courtney Reink Collinsville; and Ashto Steve, Choctaw; and (bac row, from left) Savann Smith, Newton; Aleshi Crimm and Reshetta Bentor both of Forest; Marquitt Moore and Miata Evans, bot of Newton; Kerri Cook Carthage; Ashton Lowrey Louisville; Bailey Brown Morton; Lauren Luke an Lindsey Donald, both o Louisville; and Rache Ramirez, Forest. (EC Photo) www.eccc.edu

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Wooten inks with ECCC

Mitchell Wooten, seated, center, a right-handed pitcher/infielder/outfielder at Edinburg High School, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his athletic career at East Central Community College. Wooten was among area student-athletes joining the College's baseball program for 2010-11 during a scholarship signing ceremony held Friday, January 15 in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured with the new Diamond Warrior are his parents, seated from left, Barbara and Don Wooten; and, standing from left, Neal Holliman, ECCC head baseball coach; Rod Crumbley, Edinburg head baseball coach; and Hunter Vick and Michael Avalon, Diamond Warrior assistants. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Baseball season opener moved to Wednesday

From press reports

East Central Community College baseball fans will have to wait another day to see the Diamond Warriors in action as Tuesday's season-opening doubleheader with Marion (Ala.) Military was postponed until Wednesday, Feb. 10 due to inclement weather.

The first pitch is set for 1 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus.

The opener is a nine-inning contest and will be followed by a seven-inning matchup.

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WEEK OF 2-8-2010

EC opener delayed

East Central Community College baseball fans will have to wait another day to see the Diamond Warriors in action as Tuesday's season-opening doubleheader with Marion (Ala.) Military was postponed until today due to the weather.

First pitch is set for 1 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus. The opener is a nine-inning contest and will be followed by a seven-inning matchup.

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JUCO BASEBALL·ROUNDUP

East Central opens season with two wins over MMI

from staff reports

ECCC won game one by a score of 12-2.

Charles Hill led the way for the Warriors in game one as he went 2-for-4 from the plate with a homer and three RBI. Donnie Tabb went 3-for-3 with a double in the contest.

Drew Wilson pitched solidly and notched the win for East Central.

— Daniel Rigdon

East Central	**8**
Marion Military Institute	**2**

East Central improved to 2-0 on the season as the Warrior bats stayed hot from game one.

Richie Long went 1-for-3 with a double and three RBI. Charles Hill went 2-for-4 with a double and a triple, while Vincent Kortdawi was 2-for-3 from the plate.

Alan Johnson got the win in his first start of the year for ECCC.

The Warriors will be back in action Saturday at home as they face Alabama Southern at noon.

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WEEK OF 2-15-2010

Leake County Diamond Warriors

These baseball standouts from Leake County are members of the 2010 East Central Community College baseball team. From left are outfielder Tyler Neal, a product of Edinburg High School; left-handed pitcher/outfielder Pervis Mann, infielder/catcher/outfielder Charles Hill, catcher/outfielder/first baseman Quinn Stokes and first baseman Richie Long, all of Carthage; and right-handed pitcher Allen Johnson, Leake Academy. The Warriors improved to 4-0 Monday. (EC Photo)

EC sweeps 'Bama Southern

East Central Community College's Diamond Warriors improved to 4-0 on the young season following a doubleheader sweep of Alabama Southern Community College Monday at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur.

East Central rallied from an early 4-0 deficit to win the opener by a 10-7 margin, and overcame an early 3-1 deficit to capture the nightcap, 10-4.

Vincent Kortbawi, a freshman from Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., led EC at the plate with three hits and five RBIs. He also scored twice.

Collecting two hits each were Richie Long and Quin Stokes, both of Carthage. Long was also credited with two RBIs and scored a run. Stokes knocked in one run and also scored.

Charles Hill of Carthage and Andre Yates of Grenada had one hit each. Both also scored a

Ernie Triplett of Louisville scored two runs and Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central and Darmaal Moore of Stone County each scored once.

Right-hander Cal Cossich of Ocean Springs was the winning pitcher in relief. He fanned five batters, walked two and allowed two hits in two-and one-third innings of work.

Allen Johnson of Leake Academy was the starter. Johnson pitched four innings, allowing three runs on six hits. He fanned one batter and walked one.

In the second game, Hill and Yates led Diamond Sluggers with three hits each. Hill also scored three runs. Yates scored one and collected an RBI.

Long and Drew Wilson, a product of Newton County High School, had two hits each. Both also scored a run and knocked in a run.

Stokes also had a hit and collected two RBIs.

Freshman southpaw Pervis Mann of Carthage was the winning pitcher.

Mann pitched the first four innings, allowing four runs on four hits. He fanned nine batters and walked three.

Willard Bacon, a freshman southpaw from Choctaw Central, hurled the final three innings, allowing just one hit. He fanned three batters and walked three.

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WEEK OF 2-15-2010

ECCC tourney set for this weekend

A full weekend of community college baseball is scheduled Friday-Sunday when the annual East Central Community College Wilson/Demarini Tournament is held at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur.

In addition to the ECCC Warriors, other JUCO teams participating in the three-day event include Andrew College, from Cuthbert, Ga.; Wallace State-Hanceville, Mississippi Gulf Coast, Holmes, and Baton Rouge.

A seven-inning matchup between ECCC and Andrew College at 11 a.m. Friday begins tournament action and will be followed by a seven-inning contest between Andrew College and Wallace State at 2 p.m. and a nine-inning battle featuring ECCC and Wallace-State at 5 p.m.

Games Saturday — which are all seven-inning affairs — include Andrew College vs. Holmes at 10 a.m., Gulf Coast and Andrew College at 12:45 p.m., Holmes vs. Baton Rouge at 3:30 p.m., and Baton Rouge and Gulf Coast at 6 p.m.

A nine-inning battle at 12:30 p.m. between ECCC and Baton Rouge begins Sunday's competition and will be followed by a seven-inning matchup with the same teams, starting at 3:30 p.m.

Admission is $5 each day or $10 for a three-day tournament pass.

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WEEK OF 2-15-2010

ECCC players awarded

ECCC Diamond Warriors Honored at Banquet

Special recognition was given to the above members of the East Central Community College baseball team during the fourth annual First-Pitch Banquet held Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, on the Decatur campus. Diamond Warriors receiving honors included (second from left) Jerrod Myers of Jackson St. Andrews, credited with this year's team motto, "Coming Together Is a Beginning; Staying Together Is a Progress, Working Together Is a Success;" Jeremy May, a product of Newton County High School and Ernie Triplett of Louisville, selected team co-captains; and Quin Stokes of Carthage, winner of last fall's home run derby. The presentations were made by Neal Holliman (left), ECCC head baseball coach.

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ECCC sweeps Marion Military

Baseball season began on a successful note for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors who notched a pair of victories Wednesday from Marion (Ala.) Military at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus.

East Central cruised to a 12-2 decision in the opener and rallied from a 4-0 deficit to clip the visiting Tigers 8-4 in completing the sweep.

Freshmen Charles Hill of Carthage and Donnie Tabb, a Neshoba Central product, led Diamond Warrior sluggers by accounting for five of the team's eight hits. Hill, who was two-for-four at the plate, blasted a two-run homer and was credited with four RBIs. He also scored two runs. Tabb went three-for-three with a double and knocked in two runs. He also scored three times. Also recording hits were Ricardo Velez, from Tujillo Alto, Puerto Rico; Richie Long of Carthage; and Ernie Triplett of Louisville.

Drew Wilson, a sophomore southpaw from Newton County High School, picked up the win.

In the second game, Ernie Triplett was three-for-three at the plate and had an RBI. He also scored once. Hill had another productive outing by pounding a triple and double and collecting an RBI. He also scored a run. Vincent Kortbawi, a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., went two-for-three from the plate and also had an RBI and scored once. Long had a double and three RBIs and scored once.

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ECCC Hosts Annual Baseball Tournament

A full weekend of community college baseball competition is scheduled Feb. 19-21, 2010, when the annual East Central Community College Wilson/Demarini Tournament is held at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus.

In addition to the ECCC Diamond Warriors, other JUCO teams participating in the three-day event include Andrew College, from Cuthbert, Ga.; Wallace State, located in Hanceville, Ala.; Miss. Gulf Coast, Holmes and Baton Rouge.

A seven-inning matchup between East Central and Andrew College at 11 a.m. Friday begins tournament action and will be followed by a seven-inning contest between Andrew College and Wallace State at 2 p.m. and a nine-inning battle featuring EC and Wallace-State at 5 p.m.

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Admission is $5 each day or $10 for a three-day tournament pass.

For more information, contact Neal Holliman, ECCC head baseball coach, 601-635-6374. His e-mail address is nholliman@eccc.edu.

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WEEK OF 2-15-2010

Diamond Warriors sweep Marion in season opener

Baseball season began on a successful note for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors who notched a pair of victories Wednesday from Marion (Ala.) Military at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus.

East Central cruised to a 12-2 decision in the opener and rallied from a 4-0 deficit to clip the visiting Tigers 8-4 in completing the sweep.

Freshmen Charles Hill of Carthage and Donnie Tabb, a Neshoba Central product, led Diamond Warrior sluggers by accounting for five of the team's eight hits. Hill, who was two-for-four at the plate, blasted a two-run homer and was credited with four RBIs. He also scored two runs. Tabb went three-for-three with a double and knocked in two runs. He also scored three times.

Also recording hits were Ricardo Velez, from Tujillo Alto, Puerto Rico; Richie Long of Carthage; and Ernie Triplett of Louisville.

Drew Wilson, a sophomore southpaw from Newton County High School, picked up the win.

In the second game, Ernie Triplett was three-for-three at the plate and had an RBI. He also scored once. Hill had another productive outing by pounding a triple and double and collecting an RBI. He also scored a run. Vincent Kortbawi, a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., went two-for-three from the plate and also had an RBI and scored once. Long had a double and three RBIs and scored once.

Sophomore Allen Johnson, a Leake Academy product, was the winning pitcher.

The Diamond Warriors host Alabama-Southern Saturday in doubleheader action beginning at noon at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

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WEEK OF 3-1-2010

ECCC earns split with LSU-Eunice

East Central Community College's baseball squad proved it is worthy of national recognition after managing a doubleheader split with top-rated Louisiana State University-Eunice Saturday on the Bengal campus.

The Diamond Warriors, after being edged 5-4 in the first game, rallied for a 5-3 decision in the nightcap and improved to 11-3 overall under fourth-year head coach Neal Holliman. LSU-Eunice, which sits atop the NJCAA Division II poll, dropped to 12-2.

In the first game, EC had an early 2-0 lead but the Diamond Bengals rallied to grab a 4-2 advantage after three innings. The Diamond Warriors scored single runs in the fifth and sixth innings to tie the contest at 4-4, only to have the home team score the winning run in the bottom of the ninth.

Richie Long of Carthage homered for EC. Singles each were collected Charles Hill and Quin Stokes, both of Carthage.

Southpaw Willard Bacon of Choctaw Central took the loss, allowing one run on two hits in the final 1 2/3 innings.

In the nightcap, Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central slapped a double and two singles and had two RBIs to lead the Diamond Warriors, who rallied from a 3-0 deficit to earn the split.

Tabb was also the winning pitcher, as he hurled four scoreless innings.

Starter Allen Johnson of Leake Academy went five innings, allowing three runs on four hits. He fanned four batters and walked four.

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EC gets split at No. 1 LSU-Eunice; off to 11-3 start

from school reports

The East Central Community College Warriors went 3-1 on the diamond last week, gaining a split at top-ranked LSU-Eunice, to up their season's record to 11-3.

The Diamond Warriors travel to Itawamba Friday in doubleheader action beginning at 2:30 p.m. on the Fulton campus.

EC hosts Kishwaukee (Ill.) at 2:30 p.m. Monday in a seven-inning battle to be followed by a nine-inning contest with Tyler (Texas) Community College.

EC	**6-12**
Alabama Southern	**1-7**

The Warriors upped their record to 10-2 with the doubleheader sweep in Monroeville, Ala., on Thursday.

After four scoreless innings, EC pushed four runs across the plate in the fifth in posting a 6-1 decision in the opener. The Diamond Warriors exploded for seven runs in the seventh to claim a 12-7 victory in the nightcap to complete the sweep.

The EC offense was limited to just six hits in the opener, but thanks to a strong performance by freshman southpaw Colton Mitchell, the Diamond Warriors did not need many runs.

Darmaal Moore belted a double and collected an RBI to lead EC. Singles each were recorded by Donnie Tabb, Vincent Kortbawi, Charles Hill, Quin Stokes, and Andre Yates. Tabb was credited with two RBIs.

Mitchell went the distance in the seven-inning matchup to record his second win of the season. He allowed just one run on four hits. He also fanned five and walked five.

In the second game, Yates was the top offensive performer with a double and three singles and was credited with an RBI. Richie Long had a double and two singles and knocked in three runs. Stokes belted two singles and had one RBI. Singles each were recorded by Tabb, Kortbawi, Hill, Moore, Ricardo Velez, and Jerrod Myers.

Freshman right-hander Cal Cossich was the winning pitcher in relief, allowing one run on two hits. He fanned two and walked one in 1 2/3 innings.

Pervis Mann was the starter and allowed four runs on three hits. He also walked two. Also seeing action on the mound were freshman right-hander Tyler Dalton and freshman southpaw Willard Bacon.

LSU-Eunice	**5-3**
EC	**4-5**

Leading the 2010 East Central Community College baseball team are (from left) Hunter Vick, assistant coach; Neal Holliman, head coach; Michael Avalon, assistant coach; and Callop Hampton of Magee, student assistant. The Warriors are off to an 11-3 start.

EC photo

The Warriors came away with a split with top-ranked Bengals Saturday in Eunice, La.

The Diamond Warriors, after being edged 5-4 in the first game, rallied for a 5-3 decision in the nightcap and improved to 11-3.

LSU-Eunice, which sits atop the NJCAA Division II poll, dropped to 12-2.

In the opener, EC had an early 2-0 lead, but the Bengals rallied to grab a 4-2 advantage after three innings.

EC scored single runs in the fifth and sixth to tie the contest at 4-4, only to have the home team score the winning run in the bottom of the ninth.

Richie Long homered for EC and Blake Lawson belted two singles to lead the offense. Singles each were collected by Andre Yates, Vincent Kortbawi, Charles Hill, and Quin Stokes.

Southpaw Willard Bacon of Choctaw Central took the loss, allowing one run on two hits in the final 1 2/3 innings.

In the nightcap, Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central slapped a double and two singles and had two RBIs to lead the Diamond Warriors, who rallied from a 3-0 deficit to earn the split.

Lawson homered and was also credited with two RBIs. Yates, Ernie Triplett, and Ricardo Velez each had singles.

Tabb was also the winning pitcher, as he hurled four scoreless innings and allowed three hits.

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LATE JUCO BASEBALL

ECCC Diamond Warriors, Itawamba split doubleheader

East Central Community College's baseball team split a doubleheader with Itawamba Community College in a non-division matchup held Friday on the Fulton campus.

The Warriors (12-4) were edged 3-2 in the opener and rallied for a 6-1 victory in the second contest.

East Central fell behind 2-0 in the first inning of the opener and closed the gap to 3-2 in the fifth but could get no closer and the host Indians held on for the narrow victory.

Blake Lawson, a freshman shortstop, was the only Warrior with multiple hits as he managed a double and a single. Vincent Kortbawi added a double for ECCC.

Right-hander Barry Meeks took the loss on the mound, allowing three runs on seven hits through six innings. He also fanned three batters.

In the second game, the Warriors snapped an early 1-1 tie by scoring two runs in the fifth and three runs in the seventh to claim the win.

Charles Hill belted a double and single and Andre Yates had two singles to lead the ECCC offense. Jerrod Myers doubled for the Warriors.

Freshman southpaw Colton Mitchell got the win and improved to 3-0 on the season. Mitchell hurled six scoreless innings, allowing five hits. He also fanned six batters and walked three.

East Central hosts Kaskaski (Ill.) Community College at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in two seven-inning matchups.

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Diamond Warriors improve to 8-2

EEK OF 3-2-2010

A doubleheader sweep of Baton Rouge Community College Sunday concluded a successful weekend of competition for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors, who won three of four contests in the annual ECCC Wilson/Demarini Tournament.

Neal Holliman, ECCC head baseball coach, said he was "very pleased" with his team's performance, especially the "resilience" shown in Sunday's doubleheader with Baton Rouge, during which the Diamond Warriors rallied for victories in both contests.

EC rallied from a 9-6 deficit in the opener to claim a 12-9 decision, and erased a 5-1 deficit in the nightcap by scoring four runs in the bottom of the seventh and sending the contest into extra innings. EC scored the winning run in the bottom of the ninth for the 6-5 victory.

"Our guys have a never-give-up attitude and it showed Sunday," said Holliman, whose Diamond Warriors improved to 8-2 on the young campaign. "Overall, we've played well but we still need to improve in several areas and I'm confident we will do so. We will certainly need to play our best this week as we go on the road to face Alabama Southern (Wednesday) and LSU-Eunice (Saturday)." LSU-Eunice is top ranked squad in the NJCAA Division II poll.

Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central and Quinn Stokes of Carthage belted four singles and collected two RBIs apiece to lead EC sluggers in the first game. Charles Hill and Richie Long, both of Carthage, collected two doubles each and Vincent Kortbawi, a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., added two singles. Hill led in RBIs with four.

Long was the winning pitcher in relief, as he hurled four scoreless innings and walked two batters.

In the nightcap, Long had a double and two singles to lead the Diamond Warrior offense. Darmaal Moore, a product of Stone County High School, belted a double and single and Hill was credited with two singles. Andre Yates of Grenada had a single and led in RBIs with three.

Tyler Dalton of Winston Academy got the win, as he hurled five scoreless innings and allowed one hit. He struck out three batters and walked one.

GAMES FRIDAY

East Central began the three-day tournament by blasting Andrew College 18-2 and later fell to Wallace State-Hanceville by an 8-3 margin.

Hill and Kortbawi each had a double and two singles to lead Diamond Warrior sluggers in the first game. Also credited with multiple hits were Jerrod Myers of Jackson St. Andrews, two doubles; and Long and Ricardo Velez of Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, two singles each. Stokes, who belted a double, led in RBIs with three.

Starter Barry Meeks, a product of Patrician Academy in Sweetwater, Ala., was the winning pitcher. He allowed two earned runs on eight hits through five innings. He fanned six batters.

Stokes, Velez and Ernie Triplett had two hits each in the loss to Wallace State. Velez led in RBIs with two.

Starter Allen Johnson of Leake Academy took the loss, allowing two earned runs on five hits through three innings. He fanned three batters and walked two.

Mississippi Gulf Coast and Holmes also participated in the annual tournament.

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Warriors continue to rack up victories

Quinn Stokes blasted a three-run homer and Andre Yates added a two-run shot to lead East Central Community College to an 11-1 thumping over Kishwaukee (Ill.) Community College on March 8 at Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur.

from school reports

The Diamond Warriors followed that victory with a 12-9 decision over Tyler (Texas) Community College and improved to 14-4 under fourth-year head coach Neal Holliman.

Stokes, a sophomore outfielder from Carthage, also belted a single and finished with three RBIs. Yates, a sophomore third baseman and product of Grenada High School, also collected two singles and knocked in a pair of runs.

Vincent Kortbawi of Moundville, Ala., was also credited with multiple hits, as he collected a double and single.

Other sluggers were Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central, double; and Charles Hill of Carthage and Ernie Triplett of Louisville, singles each. Triplett was also credited with two RBIs, and Tabb and Hill knocked in a run each. Richie Long of Carthage had two RBIs.

Right-hander Allen Johnson of Leake Academy was the winning pitcher. Johnson went the distance in the five-inning contest, allowing one run on four hits. He also fanned five.

In the win over Tyler, freshman Blake Lawson went 4-for-4 to lead the offense. Lawson, an infielder from Biloxi, slammed a double and three singles and was credited with two RBIs. Long also had a productive outing, belting three singles with two RBIs.

Also recording multiple hits were Tabb, Kortbawi and Ricardo Velez, from Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, who had two singles each. Hill contributed a double and led in RBIs with three. Other sluggers were Yates and Stokes, who each singled.

Right-hander Tyler Dalton (2-0) of Louisville got the win. Dalton, a product of Winston Academy, allowed one run on two hits through six innings. He also fanned two and walked one.

Starter Pervis Mann, a southpaw from Carthage, hurled two innings, allowing five runs on five hits. He also walked four.

Lefty Austin Buchanan pitched the final inning, allowing three runs on three hits in the top of the ninth. He also walked two.

ECCC	**14-12**
Hibbing (Minn.)	**0-0**

The Warriors made quick work of the Cardinals from Minnesota in Saturday's doubleheader sweep at Decatur.

Charles Hill led the Warriors in the opener with a double and a grand slam.

Richie Long also had a pair of hits.

Pervis Mann got the win.

In the second game, Long homered and had two hits, while Kevin Harris of Newton had four hits, including a double. Tyler Dalton had a pair of doubles.

Ernie Triplett got the win as the Warriors improved to 16-4.

The losses dropped Hibbing to 0-12 in the Spring tour of Mississippi and Alabama. In the 12 games, the Division III (non-scholarship) Cardinals were outscored 170-9.

East Central was slated to travel to Perkinston Tuesday to take on Mississippi Gulf Coast in a MACJC South Division doubleheader.

The Warriors return home to host Hinds in another division doubleheader Saturday beginning at 1 p.m.

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WEEK OF March 22, 2010

Roundup - East Central, Hinds split baseball doubleheader

from combined reports
The Meridian Star

MERIDIAN — East Central Community College's Barry Meeks led the Warriors for seven innings on the mound Saturday. In the process he managed to hold Hinds Community College to one run. The Warrior bats took care of the rest in an 8-1 win.

East Central's Charles Hill and Darmaal Moore led the offensive charge. Both Warriors finished the night going 2-for-4 with a double.

The Warriors' Andre Yates and Danny Tabb both went 2-for-3.

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Hinds Community College managed to grab the second game of Saturday's doubleheader, though, doubling up East Central.

Hinds pitcher Brent Gay kept the East Central offense at bay through six innings.

For ECCC, Kort Bawi and Richie Long each finished with a double.

At the conclusion of Saturday's action East Central stands at 18-6 overall while Hinds evens out their record at 11-11 overall.

East Central will be back in action Wednesday at Mississippi Delta Community College.

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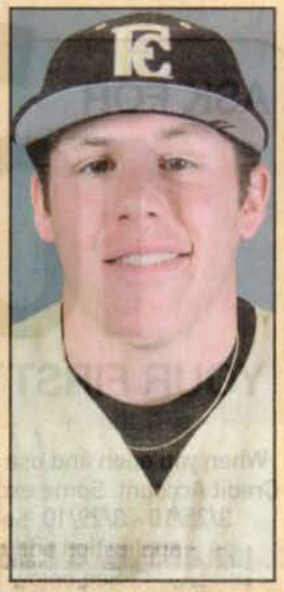
EC steps into NJCAA spotlight

❑ Warriors take tenth spot in Div. II rankings

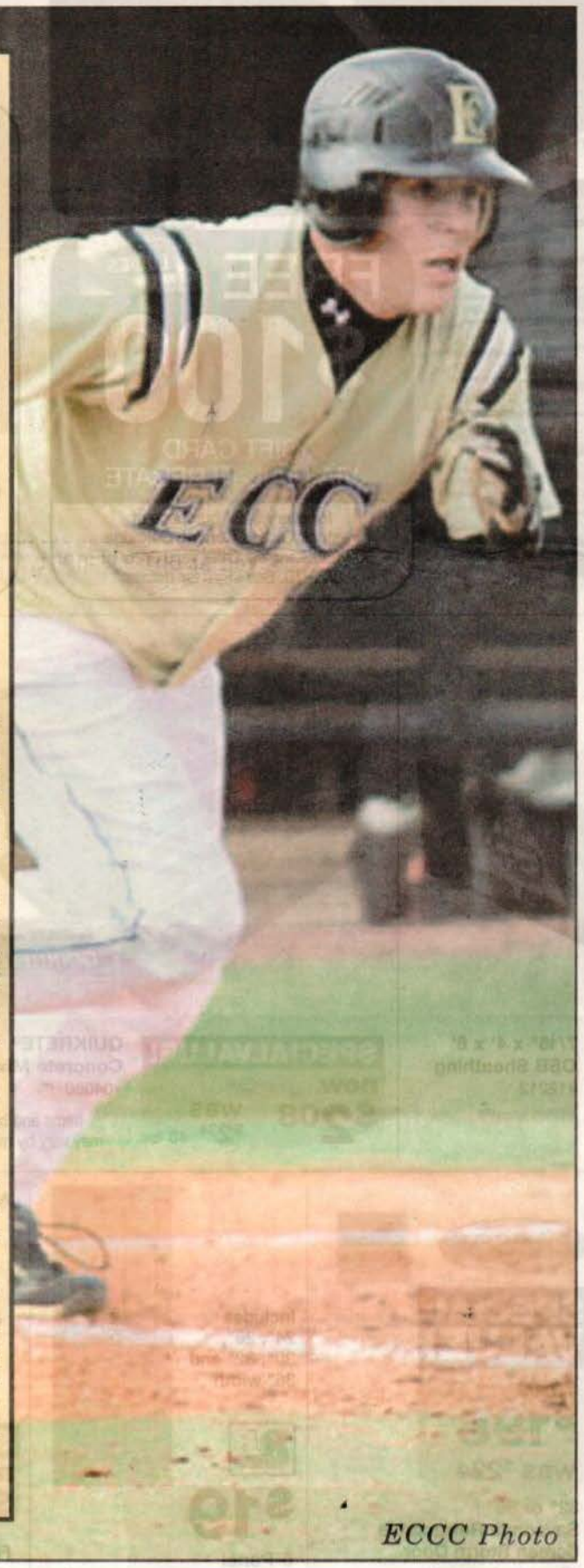


NJCAA Divsion II Player of the Week honoree

Carthage High School alum Richie Long was named the NJCAA Div. II Player of the Week for March 17.

The East Central Community College sophomore had a batting average of .700 (7-of-10) for the week with one home run and six RBIs. He also scored five runs and walked twice.

On the season, Long, who plays first base for the Warriors, had a batting average of .424 with seven doubles, three homeruns and 21 RBIs as well as an on-base percentage of .474 and a slugging percentage of .667.



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Wednesday, March 17, was a good one around Decatur.

The East Central Community College Diamond Warriors were, after all, voted tenth nationally in the National Junior College Athletic Association's (NJCAA) most recent poll with a mark of 18-6.

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Richie Long, a sophomore from Carthage High School, was named the NJCAA Division II Player of the Week on the same day the Warriors' received their national ranking.

"Richie has had a very solid year," Holliman said of the first baseman. "He's come through in some key situations and we want him to keep doing that."

Long entered this week with a batting average of .424, but he is not the only former Tiger or Leake Countian to be making his impact felt.

The Warriors also feature CHS alums Charles Hill, who plays catcher, left field, third base and second base, and Quin Stokes, who plays catcher and right field while sometimes serving as designated hitter.

Additionally, the Warriors include CHS graduate Pervis Mann at pitcher.

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NJCAA Div. II Top 10 as of 3/17

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3. Western Oklahoma State College (13-2)
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5. Jones County (Miss.) Junior College (17-1)
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8. Frederick Community College (10-1)
9. Chandler-Gilbert Community College (15-8)
10. East Central Community College (16-4)

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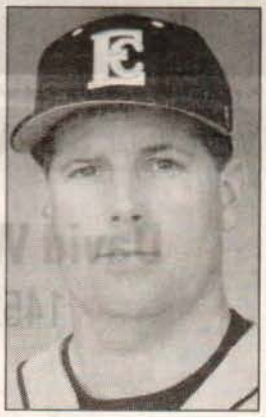

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WEEK OF March 29, 2010

ECCC sweeps Delta, Southwest

from school reports

East Central Community College's baseball team improved to 22-6 with doubleheader sweeps of Mississippi Delta and Southwest Mississippi last week:

ECCC	**5-5**
Delta	**2-1**

Quin Stokes of Carthage and Andre Yates of Grenada each blasted home runs and collected two RBI apiece in the first game at Moorhead on March 24 to lead the EC offense. Stokes also produced a single.

Other sluggers were Vincent Kortbawi, two singles; and Donnie Tabb, Richie Long, Ricardo Velez, and Ernie Triplett, singles each.

Southpaw Pervis Mann of Carthage went the distance in earning the victory on the mound. Mann allowed just two earned runs on six hits through nine innings. He also fanned seven and walked one.

In the second game, Kortbawi was the top slugger with three singles. Also recording multiple hits were Yates, Stokes, and Long, who each belted two singles. Darmaal Moore with a double, and Tabb with a single. Stokes led in RBIs with two.

Right-hander Cal Cossich of Ocean Springs got the win, allowing just one run on one hit through six innings. He also fanned three and walked one.

Joel McKee pitched the final inning in relief and gave up two hits.

ECCC	**10-9**
Southwest	**4-3**

The Warriors improved to 22-6 overall and 4-2 in the MACJC South Division with Saturday's sweep at Decatur.

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ECCC Diamond Warriors sweep Southwest

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Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central homered and had two RBIs to lead the EC offense in the first game. Other sluggers were Charles Hill of Carthage, double, single and an RBI; Blake Lawson of Biloxi, double and three RBIs; Quinn Stokes of Carthage, double; Blake Lawson of Biloxi, single and three RBIs; Richie Long of Carthage, single and two RBIs; and Ricardo Velez of Trujillo Alton, Puerto Rico, single.

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Starter Colton Mitchell was the winning pitcher. Mitchell, a freshman southpaw from Lake, allowed two earned runs on four hits through four innings. He also fanned four batters and walked two. Southpaws Willard Bacon of Choctaw Central and Austin Buchanan of Neshoba Central and Tabb, a right-hander, hurled an inning each.

Bacon allowed one hit and Buchanan gave up one run on two hits. Tabb finished the seven-inning matchup without allowing a hit or run in the final stanza.

Lady Diamond Warriors, Co-Lin split pair of games

East Central Community College's softball team rallied from a 5-0 deficit to claim a 7-6 win in the second game of a doubleheader with Copiah-Lincoln Community College Wednesday in Wesson, earning a split of their MACJC South Division doubleheader after falling 4-3 in the opener.

The Lady Diamond Warriors, whose record stands at 22-3-1 overall following the split, was led at the plate in the second contest by Lauren Nicholas of Neshoba Central who slapped a double and two singles and collected two RBIs.

Also producing multiple hits were Paige Holsen of Union, Leake Academy product Hannah Lee of Philadelphia and Hailey Chisolm of Neshoba Central. Holsen and Lee each had a double and a single with two RBIs. Chisolm was credited with two singles.

Morgan Malone of Madison Central contributed a single and a RBI and Brittany Cochran of Newton County singled.

Hurler Kasi Buckley of Newton County notched the win to remain perfect on the season with a 13-0 record. Buckley allowed three earned runs on 13 hits during the seven-inning matchup. She also fanned two batters and walked one.

In the opener, East Central let an early 3-0 lead slip away as the Lady Wolves rallied to force extra innings and pushed across the winning run in the eighth inning.

The Lady Diamond Warriors managed just three hits in the loss, a three-run homer by Lee, a double by Nicholas and single from Holsen.

Taylor Bailey took the loss on the mound, allowing three earned runs on 12 hits. Bailey also fanned four batters and walked two.

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Dalton, Triplett part of ECCC sweep

From press reports

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WEEK OF April 12, 2010

AREA ROUNDUP

ECCC sweeps Co-Lin, MCC baseball rolls Shelton St.

from combined reports

East Central Community College swept a double header against Co-Lin Wednesday night using behind a hot offensive output.

Taylor Bailey earned the win for the Warriors in game one pitching a complete game, while giving up nine hits and striking out five.

Haley Chisolm had a three-run homerun, while Paige Holsen went for a homerun, single and two RBIs. Brittney Cochran added two hits with two RBIs and Kasie Buckley had an RBI-double.

Co-Lin managed just one run off of nine hits.

— Daniel Rigdon

ECCC 10
Co-Lin 8

East Central exploded for five-sixth inning runs to rally past Co-Lin in game two of the double header.

Bailey again earned the win from the mound for the Warriors. She improves to 14-6 on the season.

ECCC was led by Holsen who had two singles, a homerun and three RBIs. Hannah Lee went for three hits including a homerun, while Bailey helped her own cause with a three-hit effort. Lauren Nicholas, Buckley and Cochran each added two hits apiece.

East Central improves to 31-8-1 on the season and will travel to Hinds Community College on Tuesday.

— Daniel Rigdon

JUCO BASEBALL
MCC 14
Shelton St. 7

The Meridian Community College baseball team improved its record to 24-12 on the season with a seven-run win over Shelton State.

Scott Lord earned the win for the Eagles pitching four innings, while giving up four runs.

Ben Kingsley led MCC with a grandslam, while former Meridian High standout Kenny Roberts had a homerun, double and a single. Michael LaGrange added a homerun and a single.

After Shelton State loaded the bases in the fifth inning, former West Lauderdale ace Dustin McWilliams, relieved Lord and struck out the side to end the threat.

MCC travels to Delgado for a Miss-Lou Conference matchup Saturday at 1 p.m.

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WEEK OF April 5, 2010

ECCC Diamond Warriors sweep

From press reports

East Central Community College's baseball team grabbed a pair of victories from Copiah Lincoln Community College Friday afternoon in Wesson, rallying from an early 3-0 deficit to claim a 12-7 decision in the opener, then cruised 13-1 in the second contest to complete the sweep.

With the wins, the Diamond Warriors improved to 24-8 overall and 6-4 in the MACJC South Division. East Central is currently tied for second in the South with the Jones County Junior College Bobcats who come to campus Wednesday. Doubleheader action begins at 2 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

In the first win over Co-Lin, Richie Long of Carthage and Andre Yates of Grenada each homered and singled, and Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central contributed four singles to lead the EC offense. Long also led in RBIs with four and Tabb knocked in a couple of runs. Yates also collected an RBI.

Also having productive outings at the plate were Vincent Kortbawi, a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., two doubles and three RBIs; Charles Hill of Carthage, double and single; Ernie Triplett of Louisville, two singles; and Blake Lawson of Biloxi, single. Hill and Triplett also collected an RBI each.

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In the second game, Long slammed two home runs and collected four RBIs, Hill belted a home run and single and had three RBIs, and Tabb contributed a dinger and two RBIs to lead EC sluggers. Other hitters were Kortbawi, double and single; Triplett and Yates, doubles each; and Lawson and Quin Stokes of Carthage, singles each. Designated hitter Ricardo Velez of Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, had two RBIs, and single runs were knocked in by Kortbawi and Triplett.

Right-hander Allen Johnson of Lena was the winning pitcher. Johnson, a product of Leake Academy, pitched 2 1/3 scoreless innings in relief and allowed just one hit. He also fanned a batter. Starter Colton Mitchell of Lake went 2 2/3 innings, allowing one run on two hits. The southpaw also fanned two batters and walked one. Lefty Austin Buchanan of Neshoba Central hurled a scoreless final inning and did not allow a hit.

The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon and Hunter Vick.

East Central Community College's doubleheader with visiting Jones County Junior College Wednesday, April 7 will begin at 3 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex. Competition was previously scheduled to start at 2 p.m. Two seven-inning games are scheduled for the key MACJC South Division matchup. The Diamond Warriors and Bobcats are tied for second in the division with 6-4 records.

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WEEK OF April 5, 2010

Long afternoon sends Warriors past Wolves

Richie Long hits three out

from combined reports

The East Central Community College Warriors bounced back from a doubleheader loss at Pearl River to take a pair of wins at Copiah-Lincoln in MACJC South Division baseball action last week.

ECCC entered this week 24-8 overall and 6-4 in league play.

Pearl River	**6-9**
ECCC	**5-3**

Jake Hawkins blasted a three-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning to propel Pearl River to a come-from-behind victory over ECCC in the opening game of an MACJC South Division doubleheader on March 30 at Poplarville.

Hawkins also smashed a two-run dinger in The River's 9-3 nightcap win as the Wildcats improved to 15-16 overall and 6-4 in division play.

ECCC dropped to 22-8 and 4-4.

Ricardo Velez had a two-run homer over the center field fence for the Warriors.

In the top of the fifth, the Warriors left runners stranded at second and third.

ECCC took the lead in the top of the sixth when lead off batter Charles Hill reached on an error, Quin Stokes singled, and Richie Long loaded the bases with a walk.

That set the stage for Blake Lawson's two-run single.

Donnie Tabb got the loss despite facing only four batters (two hits, one strikeout), while Allen Johnson went three innings, giving up two hits, striking out three, walking one, and hitting five batters.

Cal Cossich went 2 1/3 innings, giving up two hits, striking out two, walking one, and hitting a batter.

Each team finished with six hits.

Ernie Triplett paced the Warriors with two singles.

In the nightcap, the Wildcats scored solo runs in the second and third innings, then blew things open with a seven-run barrage in the fourth.

The Warriors scored two in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Starter Brett Blaise (3-5) got the win in going the distance, giving up four hits, striking out eight, and walking eight.

Warrior starter Triplett got the loss in his 3 1/3 innings on the mound, He struck out two and walked two before Tyler Dalton relieved in the fourth.

Long paced ECCC at the plate with a double and a single.

Hawkins led the Wildcats' 10-hit attack with a homer and a single.

ECCC	**12-13**
Co-Lin	**7-1**

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WEEK OF April 12, 2010

East Central Diamond Warriors rally twice to sweep Gulf Coast

East Central Community College's baseball team registered impressive rallies in claiming a pair of wins over Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Saturday at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

The Diamond Warriors overcame a late 6-1 deficit in the first game to post an 11-7 victory, and scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh for a 6-5 squeaker in the nightcap to complete the sweep.

With the victories, East Central improved to 28-8 overall and 10-4 in the MACJC South Division. The Diamond Warriors are currently in second place behind Hinds Community College, which leads the division at 9-3. The two squads will battle Tuesday, April 13, beginning at 3 p.m. on the Raymond campus.

After managing just one run in the first four innings in the opener with Gulf Coast, the EC offense got rolling by scoring four runs in the fifth inning and six runs in the sixth frame to notch the come-back victory.

Quin Stokes of Carthage and Ricardo Velez of Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, each homered in the opener, and multiple hits were registered by Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central, Andre Yates of Grenada and Charles Hill of Carthage. Tabb tripled and doubled with two RBIs; Yates had two singles and three RBIs; and Hill belted two doubles and collected two RBIs. Vincent Kortbawi, a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala.

Right-hander Allen Johnson was the winning pitcher in relief, allowing one run on one hit through two innings. The Leake Academy product also fanned four batters and walked three. Starter Ernie Triplett of Louisville pitched 2 2/3 innings and allowed one run on two hits. The southpaw fanned one batter and walked three.

Right-hander Barry Meeks of Patrician (Ala.) Academy hurled 1 2/3 innings, allowing two runs on two hits. He also fanned two batters and walked two. Southpaws Bobby Bryan of Crossett, Ark., and Willard Bacon of Choctaw Central pitched 1/3 inning each. Bryan allowed three runs on four hits and walked a batter.

Yates and Triplett had multiple hits to lead the EC offense in the second contest. Yates doubled and singled, and Triplett had two singles and collected an RBI. Singles each were recorded by Tabb, Kortbawi, Stokes and Velez. Kortbawi, Stokes, Velez and Richie Long of Carthage were credited with an RBI each.

Right-hander Cal Cossich of Ocean Springs got the win in relief. He hurled the final 1/3 inning and fanned one batter. Donnie Tabb, a right-hander, got the start and went 1 2/3 innings.

He allowed four runs on six hits, fanned three batters and walked two. Right-hander Tyler Dalton of Winston Academy went three innings and fanned three batters. Lefty Austin Buchanan of Neshoba Central hurled two innings, allowing one run on one hit. He also walked two batters.

The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon and Hunter Vick.

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WEEK OF April 12, 2010

Warriors sweep Jones, Gulf Coast

from combined reports

The East Central Community College Warriors used MACJC South Division sweeps of Jones (6-4 and 12-4) and Mississippi Gulf Coast (11-7 and 6-5) last week to improve to 28-8 overall and 10-4 in league play.

The Diamond Warriors are currently in second place behind Hinds, which leads the division at 9-3. The two squads were set to battle Tuesday on the Raymond campus.

ECCC	**6-12**
Jones	**4-4**

The Warriors took sole possession of second place in the MACJC South Division standings following a doubleheader sweep of Jones on April 7 in Decatur.

Quin Stokes' three-run homer helped lead the Diamond Warriors to a 6-4 decision in the opener, and the Carthage product belted a home run and two doubles in the second contest as EC rallied from an early 4-0 deficit to claim a 12-4 victory.

With the pair of wins, ECCC improved to 26-8 overall and 8-4 in league play.

In addition to Stokes, other sluggers in the opener were Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central, double and single; Darmaal Moore of Stone County, two singles; Vincent Kortbawi, a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., double; and Charles Hill and Richie Long, both of Carthage, singles each. Kortbawi was also credited with two RBI.

Southpaw Pervis Mann of Carthage was the winning pitcher, allowing four runs on four hits through 4 1/3 innings.

Right-hander Tyler Dalton of Winston Academy was credited with the save. He hurled 2 2/3 scoreless innings and allowed just one hit.

Tabb and Long also homered, and Tabb added a double and single and had two RBI. Kortbawi contributed two singles and led in RBIs with three. Moore and Ernie Triplett of Louisville had two singles each.

Freshman southpaw Colton Mitchell of Lake got the win, allowing four runs on four hits through four innings. He also fanned four and walked three.

Cal Cossich of Ocean Springs hurled three scoreless innings in relief and fanned five.

ECCC	**11-6**
Gulf Coast	**7-5**

The Diamond Warriors overcame a late 6-1 deficit in the first game to post an 11-7 victory, and scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh for a 6-5 squeaker in the nightcap to complete the sweep Saturday afternoon in Decatur.

With the victories, East Central improved to 28-8 overall and 10-4 in the MACJC South Division.

After managing just one run in the first four innings in the opener, the EC offense got rolling by scoring four runs in the fifth inning and six runs in the sixth frame to notch the comeback victory.

Quin Stokes and Ricardo Velez of Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, each homered in the opener, and multiple hits were registered by Donnie Tabb, Andre Yates of Grenada and Charles Hill. Tabb tripled and doubled with two RBIs; Yates had two singles and three RBIs; and Hill belted two doubles and collected two RBIs.

Right-hander Allen Johnson was the winning pitcher in relief, allowing one run on one hit through two innings. The Leake Academy product also fanned four and walked three.

Starter Ernie Triplett pitched 2 2/3 innings and allowed one run on two hits. The southpaw fanned one and walked three.

Right-hander Barry Meeks of Patrician (Ala.) Academy hurled 1 2/3 innings, allowing two runs on two hits. He also fanned

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East Central's Ricardo Velez (right) of Puerto Rico gets a high five from Warriors head coach Neal Holliman after hitting a solo homer against Gulf Coast Saturday in ECCC's MACJC South Division sweep.

Photo by Marty Stamper

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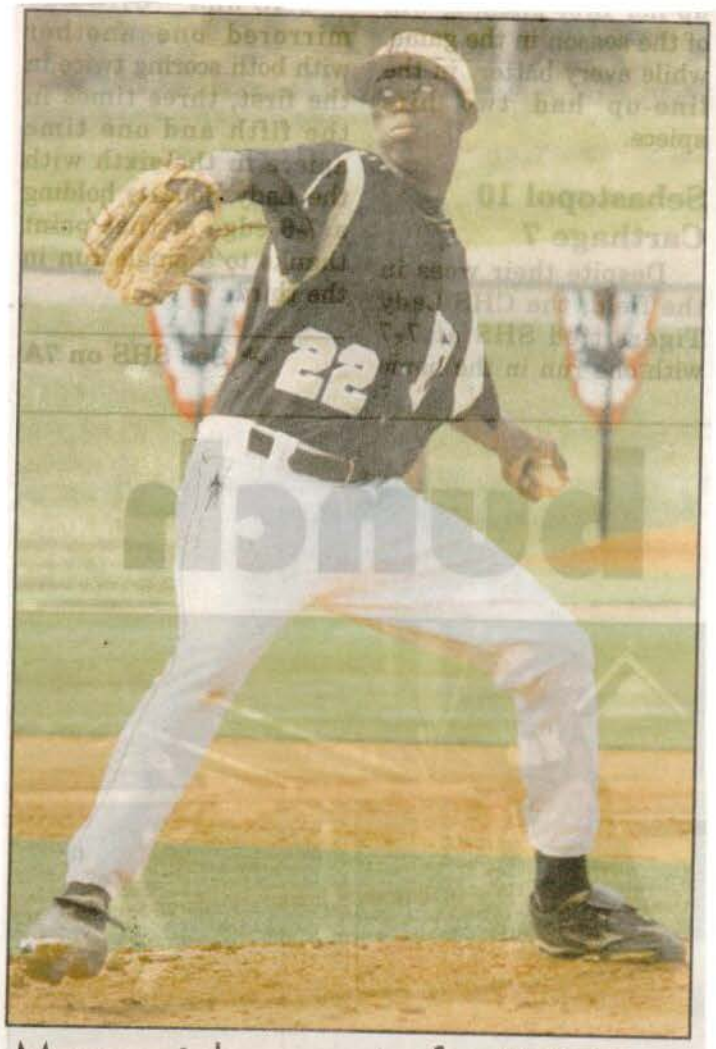

Mann picks up win for ECCC

Former Carthage High School standout Pervis Mann picked up a pitching win for East Central against Jones County Junior College on Wednesday, April 6. He allowed four runs on four hits through 4 1/3 innings. Mann fanned two batters and walked two. (ECCC photo)

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Southwest CC	**12-1**
ECCC	**2-2**

ECCC split a double header with Southwest Community College Wednesday night.

East Central dropped the first game of the double header falling by 10 runs.

Bobby Bryan was the losing pitcher for the Warriors. Vince Kortbawi and Richie Long had a hit, while Quinn Stokes went 1-2 with a homerun.

East Central would get some revenge in game two squeaking by Southwest by one run. Allen Johnson earned the win on the mound for the Warriors.

Charles Hill went 1-2 including a double, while Long and Kortbawi each had a hit. Kortbawi's lone hit was a homerun. ECCC gets back in action Saturday when it hosts Pearl River Community College in a double header.

— Daniel Rigdon

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WEEK OF April 19, 2010

Diamond Warriors notch

East Central Community College's baseball squad improved to 31-9 following a doubleheader sweep of Mississippi Delta Community College Saturday.

Several Diamond Warriors had multiple hits in an 11-6 victory in the opener, and the EC offense kept rolling in the second contest in a 14-1 blowout.

The EC pitching staff allowed just two hits in shutting down the Trojan offense to complete the sweep.

Donnie Tabb was one of the top sluggers in the first contest, as the Neshoba Central product collected three doubles, a single and knocked in a run. Also having productive outings at the plate were Richie Long of Carthage with a double, single and an RBI, and Quin Stokes, also of Carthage checked in with a single.

Right-hander Cal Cossich of Ocean Springs was the winning pitcher. Cossich hurled 2 2/3 scoreless innings in relief and allowed just one hit. He also fanned two batters and walked three.

Starter Willard Bacon, a southpaw from Choctaw Central, pitched 3 2/3 innings, allowing five runs on nine hits. He fanned one batter and walked two.

In the second contest, Darmaal Moore of Stone County collected a double, two singles and three RBIs, and Stokes belted a home run to lead the EC offense in the easy victory, which was called after five innings due to the 10-run rule.

Long continued to produce at the plate with a double and three RBIs.

Charles Hill, also a product of Carthage, checked in with a single.

Starter Austin Buchanan got the win by hurling three scoreless innings and allowing no hits. The southpaw from Neshoba Central also fanned five batters and walked three.

Triplett, also a lefty, hurled one inning and fanned three batters.

Southpaw Bobby Bryan, a product of Crossett (Ark.) High School, pitched the final inning. Bryan allowed one run on two hits and fanned two batters.

ECCC is scheduled to host a doubleheader against Pearl River beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday.

31st victory

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WEEK OF April 19, 2010

Warriors record 31st win of season

from combined reports

A split with Hinds College and a doubleheader sweep of Mississippi Delta gave the East Central Community College Warriors a 31-9 record heading into this week.

The Warriors, who are currently tied with Hinds for first place in the MACJC South Division with an 11-5 record, return to league play today by battling Southwest Mississippi. Doubleheader action begins at 3 p.m. on the Summit campus.

ECCC hosts Pearl River Community College Saturday in a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

Hinds	**7-1**
ECCC	**5-4**

The top two teams in the MACJC South Division split a doubleheader on April 13 in Raymond.

The division-leading Hinds Eagles, 10-4, withstood a Warrior rally to win the first game by a 7-5 margin, and ECCC, 11-5, posted a 4-1 victory in the nightcap. The two squads also split a doubleheader held earlier in the season on the Decatur campus.

In the first game, ECCC trimmed a 7-1 deficit by scoring four runs in the fifth inning, but could get no closer.

The Warrior offense was led by Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central, who belted two singles. Quin Stokes contributed a double, and singles each were recorded by Andre Yates and Blake Lawson. Charles Hill led in RBIs with two.

Starter Colton Mitchell of Lake took the loss, allowing two earned runs on three hits through 1 2/3 innings. The southpaw also walked three.

Tyler Dalton hurled 1 2/3 innings and allowed three runs on five hits. Barry Meeks hurled three scoreless innings and allowed three hits.

Stokes had two singles to lead the EC offense in the second contest. Yates belted a double, and Tabb, Richie Long, Ernie Triplett, and Vincent Kortbawi each had a single.

Right-hander Allen Johnson of Leake Academy went the distance in recording the victory. Johnson allowed seven hits, fanned seven, and walked one in the seven-inning matchup.

ECCC	**11-14**
Miss. Delta	**6-1**

The Warriors improved to 31-9 following a doubleheader sweep of Mississippi Delta Saturday afternoon in a non-division battle held at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus.

Several Warriors had multiple hits in the opener and the EC offense kept rolling in the second contest in a 14-1 blowout. The EC pitching staff allowed just two hits in shutting down the Trojan offense to complete the sweep.

Donnie Tabb was one of the top sluggers in the first contest, as he collected three doubles, a single, and knocked in a run. Also having productive outings at the plate were Jerrod Myers with a double and two singles, Ernie Triplett with a home run, single, and four RBI; Vincent Kortbawi with two doubles and five RBI, Richie Long with a double, a single, and an RBI; Ricardo Velez with two singles; and Quin Stokes with a single.

Right-hander Cal Cossich of Ocean Springs was the winning pitcher, hurling 2 2/3 scoreless innings in relief and allowing just one hit. He also fanned two and walked three.

Starter Willard Bacon pitched 3 2/3 innings, allowing five runs on nine hits. He fanned one and walked two. Tyler Dalton hurled 2/3 of an inning and fanned one and Joel McKee hurled the final two innings and allowed one run on one hit.

In the second contest,

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East Central's Brandon Meeks fires to the plate in a recent doubleheader sweep of Mississippi Gulf Coast. The Warriors brought a 31-9 record into this week after sweeping Mississippi Delta Saturday in Decatur.

Photo by Marty Stamper

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WEEK OF April 26, 2010

ECCC Diamond Warriors Sweep Pearl River; Remain Tied for Division Lead

East Central Community College's baseball team rallied for four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning for a 4-3 victory in the first game, and withstood a late four-run rally and held on for a 6-5 win in the nightcap to take a pair of contests from Pearl River Community College Friday at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur.

With the sweep, the Diamond Warriors improved to 34-10 overall and 14-6 in the MACJC South Division. EC shares the division lead with Hinds. Jones County is third at 13-7 followed by Gulf Coast (11-11), Pearl River (10-12), Southwest (7-13) and Copiah-Lincoln (3-17).

Quin Stokes of Carthage belted a triple to lead the EC offense in the opener. Other hitters were Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central, Charles Hill and Richie Long, both of Carthage, Blake Lawson of Biloxi, and Vincent Kortbawi, a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., singles each. Kortbawi, Hill and Ernie Triplett of Louisville were credited with an RBI each.

Right-hander Tyler Dalton was the winning pitcher and improved to 5-1 on the season. The Winston Academy product hurled the final 1 2/3 innings and allowed one hit. He fanned one batter and walked one. Starter Barry Meeks, also a right-hander, went 5 1/3 innings and allowed three runs on three hits. He fanned four batters and walked one.

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Next up for the Diamond Warriors are home contests with Copiah-Lincoln Community College at 2 p.m. Tuesday and with Meridian Community College at 5 p.m. Wednesday. Sophomore players will be recognized prior to the Co-Lin doubleheader. The MCC game is a nine-inning contest.

East Central concludes regular season action with Jones County at noon Saturday, May 1 at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson. Two seven-inning contests are scheduled.

The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon and Hunter Vick.

In the second game, EC jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning and held off a late rally by the Wildcats.

Long led the offense with a double and two singles and had two RBIs. Tabb contributed two singles and Andre Yates of Grenada had a double. Singles each were recorded by Kortbawi, Stokes, Triplett and Darmaal Moore of Stone County. Moore, Kortbawi, Hill and Yates were credited with an RBI each.

Starter Colton Mitchell was the winning pitcher and improved to 6-2 on the season. The southpaw from Lake went six innings and allowed three runs on five hits. He also fanned three batters and walked three. Lefty Willard Bacon of Choctaw Central hurled 1/3 inning and allowed two runs on one

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WEEK OF April 26, 2010

Warriors win three of four

The East Central Community College's Diamond Warriors remained tied for first-place in the MACJC South Division after winning three of their four league games last week.

from combined reports

Southwest	**12-1**
ECCC	**2-2**

ECCC came away with a split in the April 21 doubleheader at Summit. ECCC left with a 32-10 overall record and 12-6 division mark. Southwest went to 23-21 and 7-13.

ECCC managed just five hits in the loss, one of which was a home run by Quin Stokes. Singles each were recorded by Donnie Tabb, Richie Long, Ernie Triplett, and Vincent Kortbawi.

Southpaw Bobby Bryan took the loss. Bryan allowed three runs on five hits through 2 2/3 innings. He also fanned two and walked one.

In the second contest, Kortbawi homered, and Charles Hill and Blake Lawson both belted doubles to lead the EC offense. Other sluggers were Long and Andre Yates with singles each.

Right-hander Allen Johnson was the winning pitcher. Johnson allowed four hits and no earned runs through 6 2/3 innings. He also fanned six and walked two. Willard Bacon hurled the final 2/3 inning.

ECCC	**4-6**
Pearl River	**3-5**

The Warriors rallied for four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning for a 4-3 victory in the first game, and withstood a late four-run rally and held on for a 6-5 win in the nightcap to take a pair of contests from Pearl River Community College Friday at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur.

With the sweep, the Warriors improved to 34-10 overall and 14-6 in the MACJC South Division. EC shares the division lead with Hinds. Jones County is third at 13-7 followed by Gulf Coast (11-11), Pearl River (10-12), Southwest (7-13) and Copiah-Lincoln (3-17).

Quin Stokes belted a triple to lead the EC offense in the opener. Other hitters were Donnie Tabb, Charles Hill, Richie Long, Blake Lawson, and Vincent Kortbawi with singles each. Kortbawi, Hill, and Ernie Triplett were credited with an RBI each.

Right-hander Tyler Dalton was the winning pitcher and improved to 5-1 on the season. He hurled the final 1 2/3 innings and allowed one hit. He fanned one batter and walked one.

Starter Barry Meeks went 5 1/3 innings and allowed three runs on three hits. He fanned four and walked one.

In the second game, EC jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning and held off a late rally by the Wildcats.

Long led the offense with a double and two singles and had two RBI. Tabb contributed two singles and Andre Yates had a double. Singles each were recorded by Kortbawi, Stokes, Triplett, and Darmaal Moore. Moore, Kortbawi, Hill, and Yates were credited with an RBI each.

Starter Colton Mitchell was the winning pitcher and improved to 6-2 on the season. The southpaw went six innings and allowed three runs on five hits. He also fanned three and walked three.

Lefty Willard Bacon hurled 1/3 inning and allowed two runs on one hit. He also walked a batter.

Long pitched the final 2/3 inning and fanned one and walked two.

After hosting Copiah-Lincoln in a division doubleheader on Tuesday, the Warriors will host Meridian Community College at 5 p.m. today. The MCC game is a nine-inning contest.

ECCC concludes regular season action with Jones at noon Saturday, May 1, at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson. Two seven-inning contests are scheduled.

The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon and Hunter Vick.

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East Central swept by Jones County

from combined reports

The East Central Community College baseball team was swept in doubleheader action by Jones County Community College at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson Saturday afternoon.

ECCC dropped game one to JCJC in a closely contested 6-4 decision.

Willard Bacon took the loss on the mound for the Warriors, while Andrew Pierce earned the win for Jones.

Richie Long paced East Central's offense going 1-3 with a home run and Vincent Kortbawi had a triple.

The Bobcats completed the sweep in Game 2 with a 9-1 rout of ECCC.

Colton Mitchell was charged with the loss and Corey Williams picked up the win for Jones County.

Kortbawi went 2-2 from the plate with a double, while Donnie Tabb went 1-3 with a double.

East Central completes the regular season with a mark of 34-15.

The Warriors get back in action in the MACJC Tournament next weekend and the opponent is yet to be determined.

— Daniel Rigdon

PREP BASEBALL

Union	**8**
N. Forrest	**3**

Faced with elimination after losing game one of the best-of-three series in the opening round of the MHSAA Class 2A playoffs, Union found a way and took down North Forrest by five runs to force a decisive Game 3.

Joseph Norton got the win on the mound for the Yellowjackets.

Garrett Clark had three hits, while John Carr Bates and Jacob Rash each added two hits. Jay Thomas and Johnathan Gibbs each added doubles.

Union will host Game 3 Monday night at 6 p.m.

— Daniel Rigdon

PREP TENNIS

Newton Co.	**5**
Bay High	**2**

Newton County defeated Bay High in the second round of the MHSAA Class 4A playoffs Saturday on the road.

Newton County's Brandon St. Clair took the win in the boy's singles spot and Shannon St. Clair followed suit in the girl's singles match.

The No. 1 boy's doubles team of Bryden Reed and Patrick Ross fell to Bay's Pat Fontenot and Anthony Luck, while the Cougars No. 2 boy's team of David Brand and Russ Thompson also fell.

Cassie Munn and Claire Tadlock, the No. 1 girl's doubles team won in straight sets, while the No. 2 girl's doubles combo of Emily Lucy and Lauren Lurk won in a walkover.

Blake Cochran and Kelsey Tadlock won in straight sets for Newton County.

Newton County advances to the 4A South State Championship next week.

— Daniel Rigdon

PREP SOFTBALL

SE Lauderdale	**20-10**
Seminary	**14-11**

Southeast Lauderdale came through big in Game 2 of its first round MHSAA Class 3A playoff series Saturday to force a decisive Game 3 against Seminary.

Unfortunately for SEL, it would see it season come to an end by one run in Game 3.

Southeast struck for 20 runs in Game 2.

Bri Roulier earned the win on the mound.

Brittany Pounders paced the offense with two hits and six RBIs, while Paige Sheppard had four hits and five RBIs. Denisha Knight and Miranda Chatham each had three hits, while Roulier, Cortney Harper had two hits apiece.

Seminary used a three-run seventh inning in Game 3 to eliminate the Tigers.

Roulier took the loss for SEL.

Pounders had three hits and two RBIs, Kim Duncan and Sheppard had three hits each. Roulier, Harper and Chatham added two hits apiece.

Southeast Lauderdale ends its season with a record of 10-15.

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MCC continued to extend its lead in the top of the third inning with two more runs to make the score 16-1. Roberts drove both runs in for the Eagles with his second home run of the game to give MCC a comfortable lead. East Central would try to make a comeback in the bottom of the third inning by chipping into the Meridian lead with four runs to make the score 16-5. Quin Stokes drove a pair of runs in for ECCC with a home run and Blake Lawson added a two run single in the four run third inning for the Warriors.

"Our main goal coming into tonight was to get better," said East Central head coach Neal Holliman. "We have not been playing very well as of late and I think we got better tonight and our games this weekend have so much riding on them."

East Central (33-13) will travel to Jackson this weekend to battle Jones in a key MACJC doubleheader that begins at 1 p.m. The Warriors trail the Bobcats by one game in the South Division and the winner of the division will host the regional tournament next month.

East Central would continue to slowly creep back into the game with three runs in the fourth inning to cut the Meridian lead to 16-8. Stokes blasted his second home run of the game in the fourth inning which drove in a pair of runs and the third run of the inning scored on an RBI groundout by Lawson.

MCC would put another run on a very busy scoreboard with a solo home run by Farmer in the fifth inning to move the score to 17-8. East Central also added one run in the fifth inning to respond and make the score 17-9. Stokes continued to lead the way for the Warriors and drove in the run on an RBI single.

The Eagles scored one run in the sixth inning and Farmer once again provided the offense for MCC with an RBI single to make the score 18-9, but ECCC came right back with three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to build the score to 18-12 in favor of MCC. Two runs scored in the inning on a throwing error by MCC and the third run scored on an RBI single by Donnie Tabb.

MCC tried to distance themselves from East Central in the top of thr seventh inning with two runs to make the score 20-12. Kenny Sanders had an RBI single in the inning and Pace drove in a run on a sacrifice fly.

The Warriors scratched for a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to make the score 20-14. One run scored on a single by Richie Long and the second run scored on an error to bring ECCC to within seven runs of the Eagles. MCC poured on more offense in the eighth inning with five runs to push the score back to double digits at 25-14. LeGrange added his second homer of the game that drove in a pair of runs in the inning and Hunter Trawick had a two run single in the eighth.

The Warriors scored six runs in the eighth and one run in the ninth, but would come up short as MCC took the wild 25-21 win. Long added a three run homer in the eigth inning for ECCC and Long also had an RBI single in the ninth inning for East Central.

ECCC, MCC combine for 46 runs in single game

By Robby Atkinson
Special to the Star

There was no question that the busiest person on Wednesday night in the world of sports might have been the scoreboard operater at East Central Community College. At the end its baseball game in Dectuar against Meridian Community College Wednesday night there was no doubt that the offene was on display. The Eagles are Warriors combined for 43 hits and 46 runs as MCC would walk with a wild 25-21 victory over East Central in local junior college baseball action.

The two teams also combined for 10 home runs in the game and three players had at least two home runs in the crazy game in Decatur.

"There was no doubt that both teams had great nights at the plate," said MCC head coach Chris Rose. "We needed a good win going into such a key Miss-Lou Conference series this weekend."

MCC (27-16) will open a three game series with Baton Rouge Community College this weekend with the Miss-Lou Conference Championship on the line. The Eagles can win the regular season championship with a sweep of the Bears this weekend. The series begins with a doubleheader on Saturday at 2 p.m. and the series concludes with a single game on Sunday at 1 p.m.

MCC started its offensive explosion in the top of the first inning with four runs to take a 4-0 lead over the Warriors. Jonathan Pace started the inning by reaching on a double down the line in left and crossed the plate moments later on a home run by Ben Kingsley to make the score 2-0 in favor of MCC.The Eagles added two more runs in the frame on another home run to make the score 4-0. Former Meridian High standout Kenny Roberts belted the long home run off the scoreboard in left center to give MCC the four run edge.

East Central responed with one run in the bottom of the first inning to cut the MCC lead to 4-1. Vincent Kortbawi drove in the lone run of the first inning for the Warriors on an RBI single. Meridian extened its lead in a huge way with 10 runs in the top of the second inning to make the score 14-1. The Eagles sent 14 batters to the plate in the second inning and collected nine hits in the frame. The inning was highlighted by three run home run by Michael LeGrange and Darren Farmer also added a two run double in the second inning. Corey Dickerson also added a two run home run in the ten run inning for MCC.

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WEEK OF May 3, 2010

Two Tryout Dates Set for ECCC Baseball Team

An additional tryout date is scheduled for prospective members of the 2010-11 East Central Community College baseball team, announced Neal Holliman, Diamond Warrior head coach.

Tryouts were earlier announced for Thursday, April 29 and will also be held Tuesday, May 11, on the Decatur campus.

Activities begin each day at 2:30 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

For more information, contact Coach Neal Holliman, 601-635-6374 or e-mail nholliman@eccc.edu.

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WEEK OF May 3, 2010

ECCC set to battle Holmes to begin

from school reports

East Central and Holmes community college baseball squads are set to battle in opening round action of the MACJC State Baseball Tournament, which gets under way at 3 p.m. Friday on the Goodman campus. Game 2 in the best two-out-of-three series continues at 1 p.m. Saturday. A third game, if needed, follows later that day.

The winner advances to the second round scheduled Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15 at Itawamba Community College in Fulton.

The Warriors completed the regular season with a 34-15 overall mark and finished third in league play at 14-10. Jones County won the division with a 17-7 record. Hinds finished at 14-10, Gulf Coast and Pearl River tied at 12-12, Southwest Community College finished 8-15 and Copiah-Lincoln went 5-18.

Holmes is also 34-15 and finished second in the MACJC North Division at 16-8. Itawamba won the North with an 18-6 mark. Northeast was third at 15-9, followed by Northwest (14-10), Mississippi Delta (12-12), East Mississippi

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(9-15) and Coahoma (1-23).

The top four teams in each division qualified for first-round games, which are hosted by the top two teams in each division.

ECCC completed regular season action by falling to Jones County in a double-header held Saturday at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson.

The Warriors dropped a 6-4 decision in the first contest and were outscored 9-1 in the nightcap.

Richie Long of Carthage belted a homer, Vincent Kortbawi, a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., tripled and Ernie Triplett of Louisville contributed a double to lead the EC offense in the first game.

Kortbawi and Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central each had doubles in the second game.

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Warriors suffer late season collapse

from combined reports

With the MACJC South Division championship on the line, the East Central Community College Warriors turned in an 0-5 week to close out the regular season.

By dropping to third place in the division, ECCC, 34-15, will go to Holmes, also 34-15, for a best-of-three series Friday-Saturday. Friday's game is set for 3 p.m. with Saturday's play beginning at 1 p.m.

That series winner advances to the MACJC state tournament, May 13-15, at the home of the highest remaining seed from the North Division.

Co-Lin	**8-10**
ECCC	**3-7**

Lightly-regarded Copiah-Lincoln damaged the Warriors' playoff hopes with a doubleheader sweep on April 27 in Decatur. The losses knocked the Warriors

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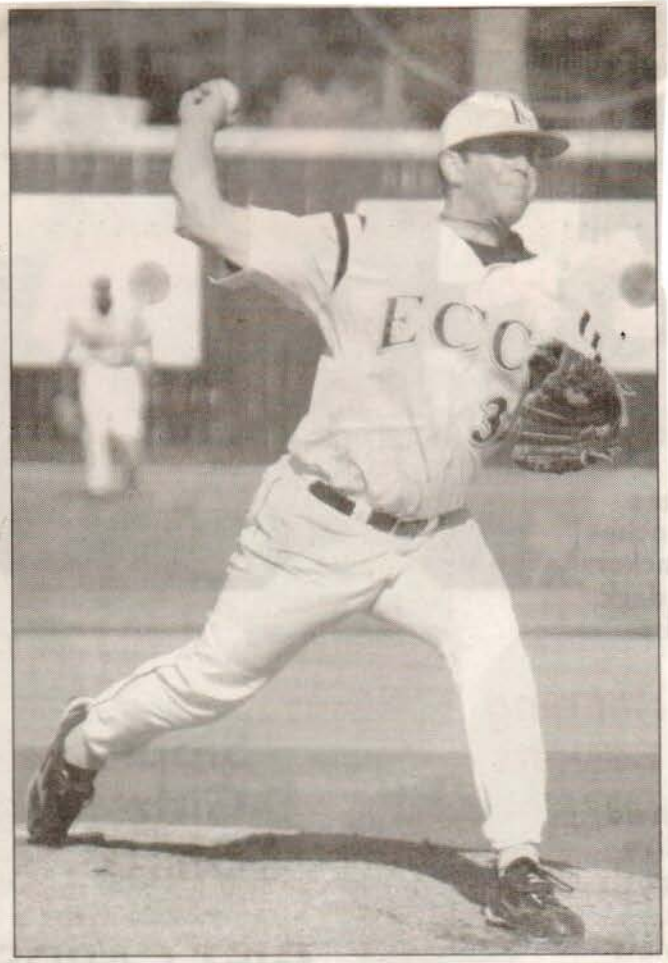

ECCC's Allen Johnson pitches in last week's 10-7 loss to Copiah-Lincoln.

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out of a first-place tie with Hinds.

ECCC fell to 14-8 in league play and 34-12 overall. Co-Lin improved to 5-17 in league play.

In the first game, Co-Lin extended a 4-3 lead in the fifth inning by scoring four runs in the sixth.

Ernie Triplett led the EC offensive with two singles. Andre Yates belted a double and singles each were recorded by Donnie Tabb and Jerrod Myers.

Starter Pervis Mann took the loss, allowing four runs on five hits through 4 1/3 innings. He fanned five and walked three.

In the second game, the Warriors jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, but the Wolves responded with five runs in the third and held a 7-3 advantage until EC rallied for four runs in the sixth to notch the score at 7.

Co-Lin took the lead for good by tallying three runs in the top of the eighth.

Tabb led the EC offense with a double and single. Contributing singles were Yates, Triplett, Darmaal Moore, Vincent Kortbawi, Quin Stokes, and Richie Long with one each.

Yates led in RBIs with two.

Allen Johnson took the loss. He went seven innings, allowing six earned runs on 11 hits. He also fanned five and walked one.

Tabb hurled the eighth inning and allowed two earned runs on one hit.

Meridian	**25**
ECCC	**21**

Trailing 16-1 in the third inning, the Warriors staged an impressive rally by scoring 20 runs over the next seven innings before coming up short Wednesday at Decatur.

ECCC, 34-13, and MCC, 27-17, combined for 43 hits in the slugfest, which included 10 home runs. Three players were credited with at least two dingers each.

Richie Long had six hits — a home run, double, and four singles — to lead the EC offense. He also had four RBI and scored three times.

Quin Stokes had another impressive outing as he belted two homers and a single and led in RBI with five. He also scored three runs.

Other Diamond Warriors sluggers included Vincent Kortbawi with four singles and four RBI, Donnie Tabb and Blake Lawson both with a double, single, and two RBIs; and Andre Yates with two singles.

MCC's Kenny Roberts and Michael LaGrange both homered twice, and Ben Kingsley, Darren Farmer, and Corey Dickerson belted a home run apiece.

Jones	**6-9**
ECCC	**4-1**

The Warriors were swept by the Bobcats Saturday afternoon at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson as they fell to third place in the MACJC South Division.

Willard Bacon took the loss in the opener with Andrew Pierce earning the win for Jones.

Richie Long homered and Vincent Kortbawi had a triple to lead the ECCC offense.

The Bobcats cruised to a 9-1 victory in the second contest to take the South Division championship.

Colton Mitchell was tagged with the loss.

Corey Williams picked up the win for Jones.

Kortbawi went 2-for-2 with a single and a double, while Donnie Tabb added a double.

ECCC wrapped up the regular season with a 34-15 record.

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Diamond Warrior rally falls short in loss to Meridian CC

Trailing 16-1 in the third inning to Meridian Community College, East Central Community College's Diamond Warriors staged an impressive rally by scoring 20 runs over the next seven innings but their effort fell short in a 25-21 thriller Wednesday at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus.

East Central (34-13) and MCC (27-17) combined for 43 hits in the slugfest, which included 10 home runs. Three players were credited with at least two dingers each.

Richie Long of Carthage had six hits – a home run, double and four singles – to lead the EC offense. He also had four RBIs and scored three times. Quin Stokes, also of Carthage, also had another impressive outing as he belted two homers and a single and led in RBIs with five. He also scored three runs.

Other Diamond Warriors sluggers included Vincent Kortbawi, a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., four singles and four RBIs; Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central and Blake Lawson of Biloxi, each with a double, single and two RBIs; and Andre Yates of Grenada, two singles; and Charles Hill of Carthage, Ricardo Velez, of Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, Darmaal Moore of Stone County and Ernie Triplett of Louisville, singles each. Hill was also credited with two RBIs, and Velez and Triplett knocked in a run a piece.

Kortbawi and Velez scored four runs each; Hill and Yates each tallied twice; and Tabb, Lawson and Moore scored a run a piece.

MCC's Kenny Roberts and Michael LaGrange each homered twice, and Ben Kingsley, Darren Farmer and Corey Dickerson belted a dinger a piece.

East Central is currently tied for second with Hinds at 14-8. Gulf Coast follows at 11-11 and Pearl River is 12-12.

The top four teams in the South and North divisions will participate in first-round playoffs May 7-8 to determine seeding in the MACJC State Tournament scheduled May 13-15 and hosted by the top seed in the North.

The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon and Hunter Vick.

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Up-and-down Belhaven

By Mike Christensen
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Belhaven came up a little flat in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Tournament it hosted over the weekend, losing its opener before bowing out in three games.

What's more, the Blazers' No. 3 hitter, Lake Eiland, suffered a hamstring injury early in their second game.

But BU has reason to be pumped this week. The Blazers (40-15), regular season champs in the GCAC and currently ranked No. 10 in the country, are expected to receive a host bid to the NAIA Tournament; the official announcement of the nine first-round sites will be made on Friday.

Plus, Eiland, a .347 hitter, should be fine by the time the regional starts next week.

BU coach Hill Denson, the GCAC coach of the year, was disappointed in the Blazers' tourney performance but not discouraged.

"We'd been in a little downturn for two, three weeks really," he said. "I've been coaching long enough to know you'll have your ups and downs. You just never know when the upturn will come again. Hopefully, it'll start next week here at Smith-Wills."

The Blazers, who hit .333 as a team and average over 8 runs per game, scored just three in each of their two GCAC losses, including the opener against No. 6 seed Loyola of New Orleans.

Ace Brandt Hinton, the GCAC player and pitcher of the year after going 11-0 in the regular season, was roughed up in the one game the Blazers won.

"If we get back to playing good again, like we're capable, we'll be in good shape for the national tournament," Denson said.

Each of the nine NAIA first-round tournaments includes five teams, and the survivors advance to Lewiston, Idaho, for the 10-team national tourney that will include host Lewis-Clark State.

Waiting game

Mississippi College is virtually assured a berth in an NCAA Division III regional, though the Choctaws won't find out where they'll play until early Monday morning.

MC (36-9 and ranked 15th nationally) was No. 4 in the West Region last week and reached the championship round of the American Southwest Conference Tournament over the weekend.

The Choctaws raked in two major awards on Tuesday as Bo Bell (.438, 10 homers, 56 RBIs) and Tyler Seaman (10-0, 3.18 ERA) were named ASC East player and pitcher of the year.

Meanwhile, Millsaps, thought to be done after going 1-2 in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament, has pulled its equip-

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ment back out and resumed practicing.

"We're on the (D-III) bubble," said Majors coach Jim Page. "Some things happened in other conferences that helped us out. ... We've been in this boat before, but we don't want to be unprepared if we do get in."

Page said a regional committee meeting tonight would give him a better idea of where the Majors, fourth in the South Region last week, stand.

Juco jottings

The MACJC Tournament was supposed to be hosted by the top remaining North Division seed after last weekend's best-of-3 playoff series.

But South teams won all four, making South regular season champ Jones County JC the host for the state event. Since Jones' home facility is undergoing renovation, the tournament will be held at Smith-Wills Stadium starting Thursday.

Pearl River plays Hinds and Jones meets East Central in the first round of the double-elimination event. Three of these teams will advance to next week's NJCAA Division II Region 23 Tournament; the team that goes 0-2 is eliminated. LSU-Eunice will take the remaining spot. ...

Itawamba, stunned by Pearl River in a playoff series that included a benches' clearing brawl, is finished at 30-20. The Indians were ranked in the top 10 in preseason. ... Meridian CC will defend its Division I Region 23 title this weekend at home in a three-team tournament with Delgado (La.) and Baton Rouge. The Eagles, led by Mississippi State signee Corey Dickerson, are seeking their 11th region title and chasing an eighth Juco World Series appearance.

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Small College/Juco Notebook

Parity the rule as 8

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The regular season was, to quote Hinds Community College coach Sam Temple, "a buzz saw."

Now, for the eight teams (out of 14) still standing, comes another grinder: the junior college postseason, starting with this weekend's best-of-three playoff series, then the MACJC Tournament next week followed by the NJCAA Division II Region 23 Tournament the week after that. "I love this time of year," said Itawamba coach Rick Collier.

Is there a favorite to make it through to the nationals in Enid, Okla.? "You could throw all of us into a hat," Temple said. "One of the neat things about this league is the parity. There are a lot of really good teams. We've been beating up on each other all year."

Jones County and Itawamba won the division titles and earned top seeds. Both have been nationally ranked at one time or another.

Jones, which doesn't have a home field because of renovations at its ballpark, went 11-1 in the second half of the regular season round robin. The Bobcats will host Northwest at William Carey's Wheeler Field on Friday and Saturday.

ICC, the defending state champion, won seven of its last eight and got some good news on Monday concerning ace Joseph Koon (12-1, 2.10 ERA). He was struck in the throat by a batted ball last weekend against Holmes but reportedly told Collier he is ready to go Friday

MACJC Playoffs

First-round matchups, best-of-3 format, Friday-Saturday

Northwest vs. Jones in Hattiesburg
Northeast at Hinds
Pearl River at Itawamba
East Central at Holmes

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teams brace for juco playoffs

against Pearl River.

Holmes also comes in on a roll, having won eight of its last nine division games.

Hinds was in a three-way tie for the South lead with four games left and survived to finish second, earning a host role in the opening round.

Open road

Not only is Belhaven hosting the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Tournament at Smith-Wills Stadium this week, the 39-13 Blazers, as the top seed, are sitting pretty in the bracket.

In their opener at Smith-Wills Stadium on Thursday, they'll face the winner of today's Tougaloo-Loyola play-in game. The Blazers were 12-0 against those two schools.

Win that game and they would play the loser of Thursday's William Carey-Spring Hill game on Friday.

Not only that, but this is a loaded BU club, ranked No. 11 in NAIA. Led by Craig Dean (.439, eight homers), Belhaven hit .336 with 44 homers as a team. Starters Brandt Hinton and Ryan Kassab are a combined 18-1. And Wade Broyles, named the GCAC pitcher of the week, posted a 1.39 ERA and 11 saves as a senior transfer from Ole Miss.

Tagging up

Sluggers Zach Polzin, Nick Schneeberger and Michael Busby played big roles in Hinds' success this season. But Temple also lauded the pitching of starters Fraser Adams, Brent Gay, Ryan Nance and Michael Porter and the bullpen work of Josh Clarke. The son of former Hinds coach Rick Clarke notched a school-record 10 saves. ... Meridian CC won the Miss-Lou Conference regular season title and will host the NJCAA D-I Region 23 Tournament next weekend at Skaggs Field. ...

Mississippi College will shoot for its first American Southwest Conference Tournament title since 2003 when it opens play against Texas Lutheran at Seguin, Texas. Who's hot for the Choctaws? Stuart Magee, from Columbia by way of Hinds CC, went 8-for-10 in the sweep of Mary Hardin-Baylor last weekend and is at .450 for the year. No. 8 MC (34-7) is hopeful of a D-III Tournament at-large bid even if it doesn't win the ASC crown. ... Delta State had two players picked for the first team All-Gulf South Conference West Division squad: outfielder Michael Niemann (.310) and pitcher Jason Coats (7-0, 3.11). Somehow, Josh Gordon (.431, 10 homers, 46 RBIs) and Cade Hoggard (.352, 7, 62) didn't make either first or second team. ... Millsaps second baseman Trey Rountree and outfielder Josh Ordeneaux made the SCAC All-Tournament team. The Majors went 1-2 in the tournament and finished their season at 25-15.

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JUCO BASEBALL

Warriors score six runs in 9th to beat JCJC

from school reports

JACKSON — The Jones County Junior College Bobcats face a 'win or else' situation on Friday.

The East Central Community College Warriors rallied from a 3-0, fifth-inning deficit, tying the game in the sixth and scoring six unearned runs with two outs in the ninth to stun the No. 15 Bobcats 9-3 on Thursday night at Smith-Wills Stadium in the opening round of the MACJC Tournament.

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The Bobcats (38-11) now will face Pearl River at 1 p.m. on

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Friday in an elimination game. The winner of that game will qualify for the Region 23 Tournament next week. The season will end for the loser. Pearl River lost 4-0 to Hinds in Thursday's opening game.

The Warriors (37-15) will take on Hinds at 4 p.m. in a winner's bracket game. The winner of the JCJC/Pearl River game takes on the loser of the Hinds/East Central game at 7 p.m. in an elimination game.

Trailing 3-0, the Warriors loaded the bases with no outs in the third, but JCJC starter Andrew Pierce got a strikeout and a double play to get out of the inning unscathed.

ECCC, though, would respond to tie the game in the sixth.

Andre Yates singled and Richie Long followed with a single. Quin Stokes then followed with a two-run double to center to make it 3-2 before Charles Hill delivered a two-out, run-scoring single to make it 3-3.

That set the stage for the decisive top of the ninth.

With two outs, Blake Lawson singled and Jerrod Myers followed with a walk. Darmaal Moore then hit a slow roller to third. Chase Headrick made a bare-handed grab and threw to first, but Moore was called safe on a bang-bang play to load the bases.

Donnie Tabb followed with another slow roller to Graham Odom at shortstop. He fielded the ball, but it was thrown wide of first base and all three ECCC runners scored.

Yates was then hit by a pitch and Long came to the plate. He blasted his 13th home run of the season, a three-run shot over the right field wall and suddenly, the Warriors were up 9-3.

The Bobcats were limited to five hits. Landry had three singles and Robertson had two singles.

Pierce started for the Bobcats, went seven innings, gave up three runs, nine hits, one walk and struck out six. Ryan Waters pitched 1 2-3 innings, gave up six unearned runs, three hits and struck out three. He took the loss and is now 3-4.

Colton Mitchell, the third pitcher of the evening for ECCC, posted the win. He went 2 1-3 innings, gave up no runs, no hits and struck out one to improve his record to 7-3.

The Warriors outhit Jones, 12-5. Long homered and singled for ECCC, while Moore, Yates and Lawson all had two singles each. Stokes doubled, while Myers, Tabb and Hill each singled.

WEEK OF 5/10/10

ECCC Diamond Warriors advance to state tournament

It's on to the "Final Four" of the MACJC State Baseball Tournament for the East Central Community College baseball team, which rallied to take a best-of-three series from Holmes Community College in first-round action of the 2010 playoffs held on the Goodman campus.

The Diamond Warriors, who improved to 36-15 following a sweep of Holmes (9-1, 8-4) Saturday afternoon, will battle host Jones County (38-10) at 6 p.m. Thursday to begin the three-day, double-elimination event being held at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson. The early game features Pearl River (25-25) and Hinds (27-19) in a 3 p.m. contest.

Competition continues Friday and concludes with the championship game set for 1 p.m. at Smith-Wills.

East Central and Holmes began their series Friday with the host Bulldogs claiming a 14-13 victory after rallying for four runs in the bottom of the ninth.

Richie Long of Carthage belted two home runs and Blake Lawson of Biloxi homered and doubled to pace the EC offense. Ernie Triplett was credited with a double.

Southpaw Bobby Bryan of Crossett, Ark., took the loss for EC on the mound.

In the first win (9-1) over Holmes Saturday, Long and Quin Stokes of Carthage led the offense with two hits each.

Right-hander Barry Meeks picked up the win in impressive style, as he fanned 14 batters through seven innings. He allowed five hits. Meeks is a product of Patrician Academy in Sweetwater, Ala.

Leading the EC offensive attack in the second victory (8-4) were Vincent Kortbawi, of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., and Darmaal Moore of Stone County. Kortbawi belted a double and single and Moore had two hits.

Lefty Pervis Mann of Carthage got the victory, allowing four hits in six innings. He also fanned seven batters.

The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon and Hunter Vick.

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MACJC Tournament Runners-Up

East Central Community College's Diamond Warriors are shown following their second-place finish in the MACJC State Baseball Tournament held May 13-15 at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson. East Central reached the tournament finals Saturday but fell 11-7 to the Hinds Eagles who went undefeated in the double-elimination event. EC advanced to the championship round by defeating Pearl River 8-7 late Friday night.. The Diamond Warriors fell to Hinds 12-9 in 10 innings earlier Friday and began first-round action by outscoring Jones County 9-3 Thursday night. ECCC advances to the Region 23 Tournament scheduled May 20-22 hosted by Hinds at Joe G. Moss Field on the Raymond campus. Also participating in the double-elimination competition are Pearl River and LSU-Eunice. The winner qualifies for the NJCAA Division II World Series May 29-June 5 in Enid, Okla. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Diamond Warriors Capture State Runner-Up Title

Two victories over Hinds Community College Saturday afternoon might have been too much to ask of East Central Community College's Diamond Warriors who were seeking the program's second MACJC State Baseball Championship in the last four years under head coach Neal Holliman.

The men in Black and Gold reached the tournament finals by rallying for five runs in the top of the ninth inning to edge Pearl River 8-7 in a five-hour duel that concluded a few minutes before midnight Friday. The Diamond Warriors had earlier lost a gut-wrenching 12-9 decision to Hinds in a 10-inning affair, during which EC led 6-1 after four innings. EC called on 10 pitchers for the back-to-back contests.

But the Diamond Warriors showed no signs of fatigue against the Eagles in another five-hour contest, which featured several rain delays totaling almost 90 minutes. However, missed scoring opportunities and several homers by the Hinds offense resulted in an 11-7 loss for EC and concluded the three-day competition held on a wet field at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson.

"It's (runner-up title) not what we wanted or what the players wanted...but we are still appreciative of the success we had in the tournament," said Holliman, whose squad began the double-elimination event by defeating top-seeded Jones County 9-3 Thursday night. "We missed too many scoring opportunities against Hinds," said Holliman, referring to the 18 runners left on base and 12 walks allowed by Eagle hurlers. "But I'm really proud of the effort put forth by our guys."

Holliman, who led the 2007 squad to a state title in his first year at the helm, is now focused on getting his team ready for the Region 23 Tournament scheduled May 20-22 and hosted by top-seeded Hinds (30-19) at Joe G. Moss Field on the Raymond campus.

East Central (38-17) enters regional competition as the No. 2 seed and Louisiana State University at Eunice (43-11) is seeded third. Pearl River (26-27) is the No. 4 seed.

HINDS 11, ECCC 7

Hinds led throughout the title game but only held a slim 4-3 margin going into the fifth inning, when the Eagles sent four runs across the plate. The key hit during the frame was a three-run homer by Justin Brodnax.

East Central, which scored single runs in the second, third, fourth and fifth innings, added a pair of runs in the seventh inning to cut the deficit to 10-6 but could only muster another run in the ninth.

Ricardo Velez of Trujillo, Puerto Rico, belted a double and single and Quin Stokes of Carthage had two singles to lead the EC offense. Each was also credited with two RBIs. Charles Hill and Richie Long, both of Carthage, and Blake Lawson of Biloxi each had doubles. Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central and Andre Yates of Grenada contributed singles each. Yates and Vincent Kortbawi, a product of Hale County High School in Moundville, Ala., also knocked in a run a piece. Starter Allen Johnson took the loss for EC on the mound, allowing four earned runs on six hits through 4 2/3 innings. He fanned one batter and walked two.

Johnson got the save by pitching a scoreless ninth inning.

HINDS 12, ECCC 9

East Central led 6-1 after four innings but the Eagles rallied for a 7-6 advantage in the seventh inning. The Diamond Warriors responded with two runs in the bottom of the frame and held a 9-8 advantage going into the ninth when Hinds scored a run resulting in extra innings. Hinds scored three runs in the top of the tenth and held on for the victory.

Tabb had a double and single, and Long, Stokes and Hill contributed two singles each to lead the EC offense. Kortbawi collected a double, and Yates, Velez and Lawson had singles each. Velez was also credited with two RBIs. Tabb, Yates, Long and Hill knocked in a run apiece.

Southpaw Colby Mitchell of Lake took the loss, allowing three earned runs on four hits. He fanned two batters and walked one.

ECCC 9, JONES COUNTY 3

A six-run, ninth-inning rally capped off by Long's three-run home run helped lead the Diamond Warriors to a 9-3 victory over top-seed Jones County in first-round tournament action.

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"Our ultimate goal continues to be to win the Region tournament and advance to the Junior College World Series," said Holliman. The NJCAA Division II World Series is scheduled May 29 - June 5 in Enid, Okla.

ECCC 8, PEARL RIVER 7

The Diamond Warriors, who held a 3-0 lead until the Wildcats rallied for five runs in the seventh inning, overcame a 6-3 deficit with their own five-run rally in the top of the ninth inning and held on for the one-run victory as the clock was about to strike midnight.

The ninth-inning heroics began when Velez walked and was later moved to second on a single by Darmaal Moore of Stone County. Long followed with a walk and loaded the bases. Stokes hit a sacrifice fly to left field, scoring Velez. Kortbawi followed with a triple to right field, scoring Moore and Long. Yates then tripled to right field and Kortbawi scored. Hill sent Yates home with a single to right field and EC was back on top at 8-6.

Pearl River added a run in the final frame and had a runner on third base when the game ended on an infield groundout.

Stokes belted a two-run homer in the sixth inning and finished with three RBIs to lead the EC offense. In addition to triples recorded by Kortbawi and Yates, singles were contributed by Moore, Hill and Lawson. Kortbawi was also credited with two RBIs. Long, Yates and Hill also knocked in a run each.

Long was the winning pitcher in relief, allowing one earned run on two hits during an inning of work. He fanned one

After trailing 3-0 through five innings, Stokes belted a double to centerfield, scoring Yates and Long, who each reached base with singles. Hill slapped a run-scoring single that brought pinch-runner Kevin Harris of Newton home from third to tie the score at 3-3.

Lawson later set the stage for the upset victory with a single and Jerrod Myers of Jackson St. Andrews followed with a walk. Moore reached base on an infield hit, sending Lawson to third and Myers to second. Tabb followed with a grounder to the infield but a throwing error to first base allowed all three EC base runners to score.

Yates then came to bat and was hit by a pitch and Long followed with his 13th homer of the season, a three-run shot over the right-field wall.

Mitchell shut down the Bobcat offense in the bottom of the ninth and was credited with the win. Mitchell allowed no hits through 2 1/3 innings in relief. He fanned one batter.

Ernie Triplett of Louisville was the starter and allowed one earned run on three hits through 2 1/3 innings. He fanned one batter and walked four. Tyler Dalton of Winston Academy pitched 4 1/3 innings in middle relief and allowed on earned run on two hits. The right-hander also fanned five batters and walked one.

Long contributed a single in addition to his home run. Also credited with two hits each were Yates, Lawson and Moore.

WEEK OF May 17 2010

Warriors fall in state finals

from combined reports

The East Central Community College Warriors reached the finals of the MACJC state baseball tournament at Jackson's Smith-Wills Stadium last weekend before falling 11-7 to Hinds in the first championship game.

The Warriors had to beat Hinds twice Saturday to capture the state championship, but the Eagles were not to be denied their first state title since 1989.

"It's (runner-up title) not what we wanted or what the players wanted...but we are still appreciative of the success we had in the tournament," said ECCC head coach Neal Holliman.

"We missed too many scoring opportunities against Hinds," said Holliman, referring to the 18 runners left on base and 12 walks allowed by Eagle hurlers. "But I'm really proud of the effort put forth by our guys...we are playing like a championship team."

Holliman, who led the 2006 squad to a state title in his first year at the helm, is now focused on getting his team ready for the Region 23 Division II Tournament scheduled Thursday-Saturday and hosted by top-seeded Hinds, 30-19, at Joe G. Moss Field on the Raymond campus.

"Our ultimate goal continues to be to win the Region tournament and advance to the Junior College World

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MACJC Playoffs
(Best-of-three series)
May 7-8
First Round
East Central 13-9-8, Holmes 14-1-4
Jones 12-8, Northwest 1-0
Pearl River 10-13, Itawamba 7-6
Hinds 12-7, Northeast 2-2

State Tournament
at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson
May 13
Hinds 4, Pearl River 0
East Central 9, Jones 3

May 14
Pearl River 5, Jones 4
Hinds 12, East Central 9
East Central 8, Pearl River 7

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Warriors...

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Series," said Holliman. The NJCAA Division II World Series is scheduled May 29 - June 5 in Enid, Okla.

ECCC, 38-17, enters regional competition as the No. 2 seed and Louisiana State University at Eunice, 43-11, is seeded third. Pearl River, 26-27, is the No. 4 seed.

ECCC opens with LSU-E at 3 p.m. on Thursday. The two split a doubleheader at Eunice on February 27.

ECCC 9
Jones 3

A six-run ninth inning capped off by Richie Long's three-run home run enabled the Warriors to upset top-seed Jones Thursday night.

EC improved to 37-15, while Jones fell to 38-11.

After trailing 3-0 through five innings, the third-seeded Warriors got on the scoreboard after Quin Stokes belted a two-run double to center field. Charles Hill added a two-out, run-scoring single to tie the score at 3-3.

The score remained deadlocked until the top of the ninth, when EC scored all six runs with two outs.

Blake Lawson reached on a single and Jerrod Myers followed with a walk. Darmaal Moore reached on an infield hit to load the bases. Donnie Tabb followed with a grounder to shortstop Graham Odom, but Odom's throw to first base was wide and all three ECCC base runners scored.

After Andre Yates was hit by a pitch, Long followed with his 13th homer of the season, a three-run shot over the right-field wall.

Colton Mitchell (7-3)

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MACJC Tournament Runners-Up

East Central Community College's Diamond Warriors are shown following their second-place finish in the MACJC State Baseball Tournament held May 13-15 at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson. ECCC reached the tournament finals Saturday, but fell 11-7 to the Hinds Eagles who went undefeated in the double-elimination event. ECCC advanced to the championship round by defeating Pearl River 8-7 late Friday night. The Warriors fell to Hinds 12-9 in 10 innings earlier Friday and began first-round action by beating Jones 9-3 Thursday night. ECCC advances to the Region 23 Division II Tournament scheduled May 20-22 and hosted by Hinds on the Raymond campus. Also participating in the double-elimination competition are Pearl River and LSU-Eunice. The winner qualifies for the NJCAA Division II World Series May 29-June 5 in Enid, Okla.

ECCC photo

shut down the Bobcat offense in the bottom of the ninth and was credited with the win. Mitchell, the third pitcher of the evening for the Warriors, hurled 2 1/3 innings and allowed no hits.

Ernie Triplett was the starter and allowed one earned run on three hits through 2 1/3 innings. He fanned one and walked four.

Tyler Dalton pitched 4 1/3 innings in middle relief and allowed one earned run on two hits. He fanned five and walked one.

Long contributed a single in addition to his three-run homer. Also credited with two hits each were Yates, Lawson, and Moore.

Hinds	**12**
ECCC	**9**

ECCC led 6-1 after four innings, but the Eagles rallied for a 7-6 advantage in the seventh inning of Friday's winners' bracket contest.

The Warriors responded with two runs in the bottom of the frame and held a 9-8 advantage going into the ninth when Hinds scored a run resulting in extra innings.

Hinds scored three runs in the top of the 10th and held on for the victory.

Donnie Tabb had a double and a single and Richie Long, Quin Stokes, and Charles Hill contributed two singles each to lead the EC offense.

Vincent Kortbawi collected a double, and Andre Yates, Ricardo Velez, and Blake Lawson had singles each. Velez was also credited with two RBI.

Colby Mitchell took the loss, allowing three earned runs on four hits. He fanned two and walked one.

ECCC	**8**
Pearl River	**7**

The Warriors, who held a 3-0 lead until the Wildcats rallied for five runs in the seventh inning, overcame a 6-3 deficit with their own five-run rally in the top of the ninth and held on for the victory as the clock was about to strike midnight Friday.

The ninth-inning heroics began when Ricardo Velez walked and moved to second on a single by Darmaal Moore. Richie Long followed with a walk to load the bases.

Quin Stokes hit a sacrifice fly, scoring Velez. Vincent Kortbawi followed with a two-run triple to right field. Andre Yates then tripled to right field to drive in Kortbawi.

Charles Hill singled to right field and EC was back

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on top at 8-6.

Pearl River added a run in the final frame and had a runner on third base when the game ended on an infield groundout.

Stokes belted a two-run homer in the sixth and finished with three RBI to lead the EC offense. In addition to triples recorded by Kortbawi and Yates, singles were contributed by Moore, Hill, and Blake Lawson. Kortbawi was also credited with two RBI.

Long was the winning pitcher in relief, allowing one earned run on two hits during an inning of work. He fanned one.

Allen Johnson got the save by pitching a scoreless ninth.

Hinds	**11**
ECCC	**7**

Hinds led throughout the title game Saturday, but only held a slim 4-3 margin going into the fifth inning, when the Eagles sent four runs across the plate. The key hit during the frame was a three-run homer by Justin Brodnax.

ECCC added a pair of runs in the seventh inning to cut the deficit to 10-6 but could only muster another run in the ninth.

Ricardo Velez belted a double and a single and Quin Stokes had two singles to lead the EC offense. Each was also credited with two RBI. Charles Hill, Richie Long, and Blake Lawson each had doubles. Donnie Tabb and Andre Yates contributed singles.

Starter Allen Johnson took the loss for EC on the mound, allowing four earned runs on six hits through 4 2/3 innings. He fanned one and walked two.

Warriors rally to beat Jones Junior

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DECTUR — A six-run ninth-inning capped off by Richie Long's three-run home run lifted East Central Community College's Diamond Warriors to a 9-3 upset of top-seed Jones County Junior College Thursday night in first-round action of the MACJC State Baseball Tournament held at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson.

East Central, which improved to 37-15 under fourth-year head coach Neal Holliman.

Southpaw ***Colton Mitchell (7-3) of Lake*** shut down the Bobcat offense in the bottom of the ninth and was credited with the win. Mitchell, the third pitcher of the evening for the Diamond Warriors, hurled 2 1/3 innings and allowed no hits. He fanned one batter.

After trailing 3-0 through five innings, the number-three seed Diamond Warriors scored after Quin Stokes belted a double to center field, scoring Andre Yates and Long. Charles Hill, slapped a two-out, run-scoring single that brought home Kevin Harris from third base.

The score remained tied at 3-3 until the top of the ninth, when EC scored all six runs with two outs.

Blake Lawson set the stage for the upset victory with a single and Jerrod Myers followed with a walk. Darmaal Moore reached base on an infield hit; sending Lawson to third and Myers to second. Donnie Tabb followed with a grounder to shortstop.

Graham Odom, but Odom's throw to first base was wide and all three EC base runners scored.

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PARKS SIGNS WITH EAST CENTRAL CC

Morton High School Panthers senior Marquis Parks, seated center, signed a national letter of intent in February to play football at East Central Community College in Decatur. Joining him for the occasion were his parents, seated, Jerry Boyd and Melzenia Boyd; standing from left, former Morton Head Football Coach David Parker, and Assistant Principal Clay Purvis.

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Sports

ECCC Diamond Warriors eliminated

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Baseball

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LSU-Eunice defeated Hinds twice Sunday to win the tournament and a berth in the NJCAA Division II World Series in Enid, Oklahoma.

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The Warriors had plenty of opportunities. Hinds walked 12 ECCC batters, but the Warriors stranded 18 runners.

Conner Butts, in relief of starter Chase Wroten, posted the victory.

The Eagles got two home runs and two singles from Brodnax. Polzin and Schneeburger each homered and singled, while Manny Estrada and Michael Busby each doubled and singled. Ryan Nance had a triple.

Starter Allen Johnson lasted 4 2/3 innings and took the loss for ECCC.

Charles Hill and Richie Long each had a double and a single, while Ricardo Velez and Blake Lawson each doubled. Donnie Tabb, Quin Stokes and Andre Yates each singled.

LATE SCORES

Hinds 12

East Central 9

The Hinds Community College Eagles are in the driver's seat of the MACJC Baseball Tournament.

The Eagles got a bases-loaded triple from Tyler Wells in the top of the 10th inning and beat the East Central Community College Warriors 12-9 Friday afternoon in the winner's bracket game.

East Central led 6-1 after four innings, but the Eagles scored at least one run in each inning from the fifth through the 10th innings.

ECCC led 6-3 after six, but Hinds went up 7-6 going into the bottom of the seventh. However, the Warriors went up 8-7 after seven and they led 9-8 after eight. Hinds tied it in the ninth and won it in the 10th.

The Warriors got two singles each from Tabb, Long, Stokes and Hill. Lawson and Vincent Kortbawi added doubles, while Yates and Velez had singles.

Colton Mitchell, the sixth of six pitchers for ECCC, took the loss. He gave up four runs (three earned), four hits, walked one and struck out two. Barry Meeks started, went four innings, allowed one run, two hits, walked none and struck out one. He left with the Warriors leading 6-1.

East Central 8

Pearl River 7

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Hinds tops East Central for state championship

from school reports
The Meridian Star

JACKSON — Justin Brodnax belted two home runs, while Zach Polzin and Nick Schneeburger also had home runs to help the Hinds Community College Eagles to an 11-7 victory against East Central Community College in the championship game of the MACJC Tournament on a wet Saturday afternoon at Smith-Wills Stadium.

The Eagles (30-19) won the tournament in three straight games and will now host the Region 23 Tournament Thursday through Saturday at Joe G. Moss Field on the Raymond campus.

East Central falls to 38-17, but the Warriors — along with Pearl River and LSU-Eunice — will complete the regional tournament field. The winner of the Region 23 Tournament will head to the NJCAA Division II World Series May 29-June 5.

Saturday's game lasted 3 hours, 35 minutes, not including three rain delays, which totaled an hour and 21 minutes.

Hinds never trailed on Saturday. They led 2-1 after two innings, 4-2 after three and 4-3 after four. They increased the margin to 8-4 after five and 9-4 after six. The Warriors trailed 10-6 after seven innings.

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JUCO SOFTBALL

Warriors win opener at national tournament

from staff reports

The East Central Community College was hoping to get strong pitching performances in the NJCAA Division II national tournament.

One game in and the Warriors got just that as Taylor Bailey blanked Mott (Mich.) Community College 7-0. East Central's second game of the first day of the tournament against Johnson County (Kan.) was postponed due to rain.

EAST CENTRAL 7
MOTT 0

In the opener, Bailey allowed just five hits and struck out six. The Bears got a leadoff single from Bridget Miller in the first inning, but after a sacrifice bunt moved Miller to second, Bailey responded with a pair of strikeouts. Mott wouldn't seri-

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ously threaten again until the sixth when East Central led 5-0.

There, Crystal Goin singled with one out and Rachel Brown followed with a double to put two runners in scoring position. Bailey again rose to the occasion, though, getting a pair of groundouts to the mound.

East Central's offense, meanwhile, found some footing in the third, but the Warriors (45-9) were unable to break the game open. Morgan Malone opened the inning with a single, followed by a Bailey single. With one out, Summer Alexander delivered an RBI double to give East Central the lead. One out later, Kasie Buckley walked to load the bases but Mott's Elizabeth Rockman got out of the jam.

She wasn't so lucky an inning later. Following a leadoff double from Hannah Lee, Malone singled and Lauren Nicholas delivered an RBI single with one out. Alexander then singled to load the bases, leading to an RBI for Hailey Chisolm after drawing a walk. East Central added two more runs when Buckley reached on an error.

The Warriors, who added two more runs in the sixth, banged out 13 hits.

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JUCO BASEBALL

Hinds CC photo

East Central Community College's Andre Yates takes a throw at second base Thursday against LSU-Eunice.

East Central outlasts LSU-Eunice

from school reports

RAYMOND — LSU-Eunice Bengals coach Jeff Willis used eight pitchers in the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament opening game, a 14-10 loss to the East Central Warriors on Thursday.

EAST CENTRAL 14
LSU-EUNICE 10

The Warriors never trailed in the ballgame although the Bengals pulled within one run in the sixth inning. The second-seeded Bengals walked 12 runners, giving too many opportunities for the No. 3 seed Warriors to capitalize.

The tournament is being hosted at Hinds Community College after the Eagles won the MACJC state tournament on May 15 at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson.

LSU-E now falls in the loser's bracket and will play again today at 3:30 p.m. against the loser of Game 2 between Hinds and Pearl River. The second game was postponed Thursday night to a noon start today. East Central is the first team in the winner's bracket and will face of the winner of the Hinds/Pearl River game today at 7 p.m.

The Warriors (39-18) had standout performances from several players at the plate but none more so than Donnie Tabb. Tabb, a centerfielder from Neshoba Central, went

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3-for-6 with two RBIs and two runs scored on a pair of doubles. Warriors starter Barry Meeks went 3 1-3 innings, giving up eight runs — seven earned — allowing nine hits. Reliever Colton Mitchell picked up the win going the remaining 5 2-3 innings.

The Bengals were led at the plate by speedy leadoff hitter Les Aulds. Aulds had three hits and two RBIs. Starter Chance Mistric was tabbed with the loss going just two innings facing 16 batters and allowing six runs all earned.

Meeks had a chance to get out of the first inning allowing only one run but a mishandled potential double play ball by second baseman Andre Yates opened the floodgates and the Bengals jumped out to a 5-2 lead. Meeks worked around trouble in the second and third innings putting up zeros and even though he gave up eight runs he stayed in contention for the win thanks to his teammates clutch hitting.

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JUCO BASEBALL

Hinds downs ECCC to advance to Region 23 championship game

from school reports

RAYMOND — Freshman Morris Grant's triple in the eighth inning of Game 5 of the National Junior College Athletics Association Region 23 tournament broke an 8-8 tie in the eighth inning and gave the Hinds Community College Eagles the lead against East Central Community College.

Eagles closer Josh Clarke shut the door on the Warriors for his 11th save, which ties him for second nationally.

The Eagles are now in the championship game Sunday at 2 p.m. and will face the winner of the upcoming game between East Central and LSU-Eunice being played at 6:15 p.m. Saturday.

The Eagles need one win to advance to the NJCAA Division II Baseball Championship in Enid, Okla., May 29-June 5. The Eagles' opponent for tomorrow must beat the Eagles twice to advance to Enid.

The Eagles committed five errors, four in one inning, but kept the damage to a minimum. Eagles starter Fraser Adams was the victim of all the errors. Adams allowed seven runs, five of them earned, over 5 1-3 innings. Sophomore reliever Connor Butts was the beneficiary of Grant's key triple, earning his third win of the season.

Warriors starter Pervis Mann allowed four runs in the first inning and was replaced by Allen Johnson. Johnson went 7 1-3 innings allowing 10 hits and seven runs, all earned.

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NJCAA DIVISION II SOFTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Warriors finish fourth in nation

ECCC's Buckley named top offensive player

from staff reports

One bad inning cost East Central Community College its hopes of a national championship Saturday.

The Warriors' consolation prize was a fourth-place finish and an individual honor at the NJCAA Division II national championship in Normal, Ill. After defeating Mississippi Gulf Coast 4-2 earlier Saturday, the Warriors allowed eight runs in the fifth to Iowa Lakes to get run-ruled 10-2.

"I was disappointed," East Central coach Scott Hill said. "But looking back, it was a great year."

The Warriors finished 47-11.

East Central actually led Iowa Lakes 2-0, scoring one run in the first and another in the fourth, as Kasie Buckley hit a home run and singled to drive in Hailey Chisolm, who had doubled. However, Iowa Lakes tied it in the bottom of the fourth before erupting in the fifth.

Taylor Bailey suffered the loss for East Central, allowing eight runs — six earned — on six hits in four-plus innings. She struck out six while walking one. Buckley relieved and retired two in the fifth but also allowed a pair of unearned runs on two hits and a walk.

Buckley also homered against Gulf Coast, driving in two runs and scoring twice as she finished 3-for-4. The Newton County product was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Offensive Player after going 7-for-13 with a double and three home runs in the Warriors' five games. She also scored five runs and drove in seven. Bailey was also named to the All-Tournament team.

WEEK OF June 7, 2010

ECCC announces baseball award winners

from school reports

Recipients of various baseball team awards for 2010 were recently announced at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Honorees include pitcher/outfielder Ernie Triplett of Louisville, Most Valuable Player; Allen Johnson of Lena, Most Valuable Pitcher; infielder Andre Yates of Grenada, Most Valuable Defensive Player; utility player Charles Hill, Most Improved Player, and first baseman/pitcher Richie Long, Most Valuable Offensive Player. Hill and Long are both from Carthage.

Triplett, who served as team co-captain, batted .299 with a home run and four doubles. He also collected 24 RBI. Triplett, a sophomore and product of Louisville High School, plans to continue his baseball career at Delta State University.

Johnson, a sophomore right-hander, posted a 6-4 record and had a 5.10 earned run average. He led in innings pitched (72 1/3) and strikeouts (57). Johnson, a Leake Academy product, will continue his baseball career at Belhaven College.

Yates, who spent most of the season at second base, posted a .941 fielding percentage. The sophomore also batted .339 with three home runs, two triples, and 11 doubles, and was credited with 28 RBI. Yates, a product of Grenada High School, plans to continue his baseball career at the University of North Alabama.

Hill batted .308 and had had five home runs, two triples, 16 doubles, and 54 RBI.

Long posted a team-best .419 batting average and also led in home runs (14), doubles (17), RBI (73) and total hits (80). He was also selected All-Region 23 and first team MACJC All-State.

Hill and Long are both freshmen.

Awards were presented by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon and Hunter Vick.

The Warriors were runners-up in the MACJC State Baseball Tournament and advanced to Region 23 Tournament competition before finishing with a 39-20 record.

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Hill and Long are both freshmen.

Awards were presented by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon and Hunter Vick.

The Diamond Warriors were runners-up in the MACJC State Baseball Tournament and advanced to Region 23 Tournament competition before finishing with a 39-20 record.

Two bowl series over 700 mark

Both Roman Ingram and Jeremy Wilcher bowled top game scores of 279 at Funtime Roll-R-Bowl on Monday, May 31, and both put together three-game series topping the 700-point mark.

Ingram finished the night with a total of 737 which also included games of 234 and 224.

Wilcher's series total was 723 with games of 228 and 216 in addition to his game of 279.

Other top scores during the Monday Night Sonshine League included:

Chip Tate, 232; Jason Sistrunk, 226; A.T. Dismuke, 210; James Jeffers, 206; Allen Moudy, 204; and Mike Brown, 200.

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Local East Central students named to NJCAA Academic All-American Team

Eleven East Central Community College student-athletes have been named National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Academic All-Americans for 2009-10.

Eight student-athletes qualified as NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-Americans for maintaining a 3.8 grade point average or above, and include tennis players Abby McMillan and Elise Gibbs, both of Newton, and Jason Hancock of Decatur; softball and basketball player Hannah Lee of Philadelphia; softball player Brittney Cochran of Hickory; and soccer team members Brandy Greer of Carthage, Mamie Shannon of Philadelphia and Jared Mullins of Tupelo.

Student-athletes chosen NJCAA Academic All-Americans, those with at least a 3.6 grade point average, include football player Jordan Vance of Decatur, soccer team member Alanna Fairchild and golfer Griffin Burke, both of Philadelphia.

To qualify as NJCAA Academic All-Americans, student-athletes must have completed three semesters of college work and participated in at least one athletic season.

Recipients of the prestigious honor will be featured in an upcoming issue of the NJCAA publication, JUCO Review.

East Central Community College announces Diamo

Recipients of various baseball team awards for 2010 were recently announced at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Honorees include pitcher/outfielder Ernie Triplett of Louisville, most valuable player; Allen Johnson of Lena, most valuable pitcher; infielder Andre Yates of Grenada, most valuable defensive player; utility player Charles Hill, most improved player, and first baseman/pitcher Richie Long, most valuable offensive player, both of Carthage.

Triplett, who served as team co-captain, batted .299 with a home run and four doubles. He also collected 24 RBIs. Triplett, a sophomore and product of Louisville High School, plans to continue his baseball career at Delta State University.

Johnson, a sophomore right-hander, posted a 6-4 record and had a 5.10 earned run average. He led in innings pitched (72 1/3) and strikeouts (57). Johnson, a Leake Academy product, will continue his baseball career at Belhaven College.

Yates, who spent most of the season at second base, posted a .941 fielding percentage. The sophomore also batted

nd Warrior baseball team awards

.339 with three home runs, two triples and 11 doubles, and was credited with 28 RBIs. Yates, a product of Grenada High School, plans to continue his baseball career at the University of North Alabama.

Hill batted .308 and had had five home runs, two triples, 16 doubles and 54 RBIs.

Long posted a team-best .419 batting average and also led in home runs (14), doubles (17), RBIs (73) and total hits (80). He was also selected All-Region 23 and first team MACJC All-State.

Hill and Long are both freshmen and products of Carthage High School.

Awards were presented by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Michael Avalon and Hunter Vick.

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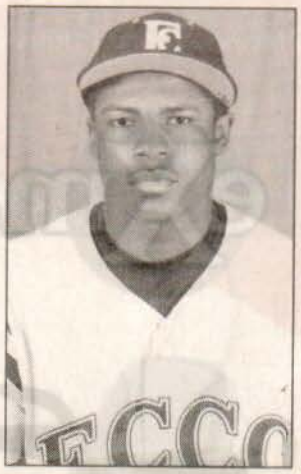
Tabb picked by New York Mets

from school reports

East Central Community College baseball standout Donnie Tabb of Neshoba Central was chosen by the New York Mets last Wednesday in the 43rd round of the 2010 Major League Baseball Draft.

Tabb, the 1,292nd pick overall in the draft, was mostly a center fielder for the 2010 Warriors, who were state tournament runners-up and finished 39-20 under fourth-year head coach Neal Holliman.



Donnie Tabb

The Neshoba Central High School product also saw action as a pitcher, second baseman, shortstop, and all three outfield positions.

A second-team MACJC All-State selection, Tabb posted a .345 batting average with three home runs, two triples, and 16 doubles this past season. He also collected 49 RBI and scored 59 runs.

Another former Neshoba Central player, Ole Miss pitcher David Goforth, was picked in the 31st round by the Cleveland Indians.

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All-Region, All-State Honors

East Central Community College baseball standouts Quinn Stokes (center) and Richie Long, both of Carthage, were selected on the 2010 All-Region 23 and MACJC All-State baseball squads following the Diamond Warriors' 39-20 campaign. The awards were presented by head coach Neal Holliman (left). Stokes batted .344 with 10 home runs, two triples, 11 doubles and 51 RBI. Long batted .419 average with 14 homers, 17 doubles, and 73 RBI.

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MITCHELL POSTS WIN

Freshman hurler Colton Mitchell of Lake prepares to deliver a pitch during East Central Community College's 12-4 win over the visiting Jones County Junior College Bobcats earlier this spring. Mitchell allowed four runs on four hits in registering the victory, which completed a doubleheader sweep of the visiting Bobcats. Mitchell also fanned four batters and walked four.

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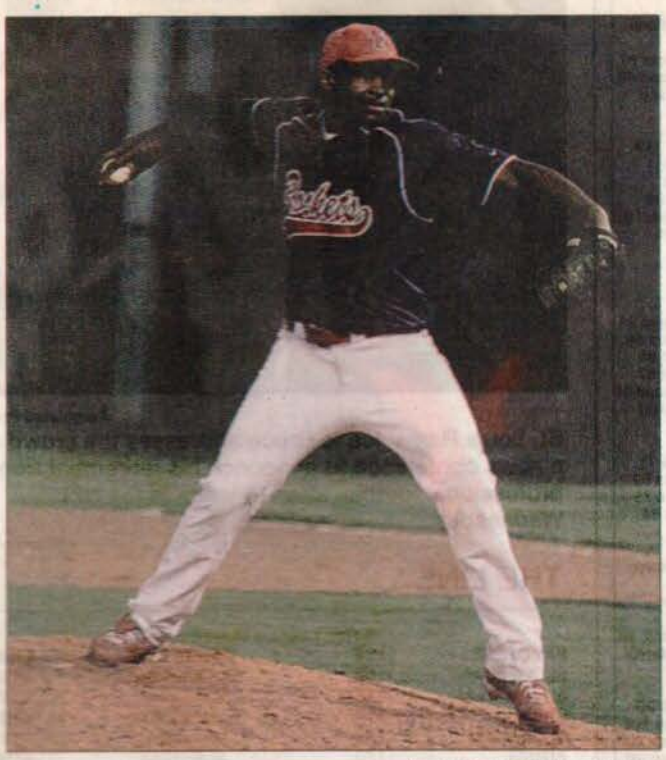

Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star

East Central Community College star Donnie Tabb, shown pitching for Neshoba Central in 2009, was drafted by the New York Mets in the 43rd round of the MLB draft Wednesday.

Mets 'Tabb' ECCC star in MLB draft

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By Daniel Rigdon
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East Central Community College baseball standout Donnie Tabb was a do-it-all player for the Diamond Warriors in the 2010 season.

The Neshoba Central product played six different positions for East Central including pitcher, shortstop, second base, left, right and center field. Wherever ECCC coach Neal Holliman needed the freshman to play he performed exceptionally. That being said, it doesn't come as a surprise that Tabb was taken Wednesday in the MLB Draft by the New York Mets in the 43rd round.

Tabb

"He's a great player for us, said Holliman. "He played anywhere from left, center, right, short, second and pitcher for us. He was so versatile and allowed us to do so many different things in the lineup because of that versatility. Mainly he was center field."

Holliman has known Tabb for some time now and has enjoyed watching Tabb come into his own as a player and a person. The Warrior freshman hit .345 with three home runs, 16 doubles and two doubles in earning second-team All-State honors. He also drove in 48 runs and scored 55 times.

"I've known him for three years now and it has been really interesting to see him develop and mature not only as a player, but as a person," added Holliman. "He's got a very good work ethic and comes from a really good family. He's got things headed in the right direction as a player and as an individual."

Tabb, the 1,292nd pick overall in the draft, as well as his family, were excited when they heard the news he had been taken.

"Its great! It really is a great feeling," said Tabb. "My family and I had been watching the draft. I had walked in the kitchen and my name came up and my family got really excited and told me.

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"I've been wanting to get drafted for the longest and it finally happened. I'm thankful I got drafted."

East Central will have to do without it's multi-skilled star for the 2011 season as Tabb intends on moving on and become a part of the Mets organization.

"I'm going to go ahead and go," said Tabb. "I talked to coach Holliman and he said if this is what I want then go ahead and go and that he was happy for me."

Tabb believes that he will succeed in his endeavor and plans to use the same work ethic that got him to the point he is at now.

"I think I'm going to do fine. I'm going to be devoted and work hard," added Tabb.

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Tabb Signs With Mets!

East Central Community College's Donnie Tabb has signed with the New York Mets. Tabb, a freshman standout this past season, has reported to the organization's Class A squad in St. Lucie, Florida. Tabb is a graduate of Neshoba Central High school and was selectd in the 43rd round of the Major League Baseball Draft in June. He was the 1,292nd pick overall.

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WEEK OF April 19, 2010

EC's Tabb inks with New York Mets

Donnie Tabb is officially a professional baseball player.

Tabb, a freshman standout this past season at East Central Community College in Decatur, recently signed a contract with the New York Mets and has reported to the organization's Class A squad in St. Lucie, Fla., announced Neal Holliman, ECCC head baseball coach. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

from school reports

The Neshoba Central High School product was selected in the 43rd round of the Major League Baseball Draft in June. He was the 1,292nd pick overall.

Tabb, who played six different positions for East Central's 39-20 squad in 2010, was praised by Holliman for not only his skills as an athlete but for the type person he is on and off the field.

"He's been a great player for us," said Holliman, whose Warriors finished state tournament runners-up and finished third in the Region 23 Tournament." He played anywhere — from left, center or right field to shortstop, second base and pitcher. He was so versatile and allowed us to do so many things in the lineup because of that versatility. Mainly he played centerfield."

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TURNER JOINS DIAMOND WARRIOR PROGRAM

Zach Turner (seated right), a right-handed pitcher/utility player at Morton High School, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Turner was among area student-athletes joining the College's baseball program for 2010-11 during a scholarship signing ceremony held Friday, January 15 in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured with the new Diamond Warrior are (seated) his mother, Donna Kimble, and (standing from left) Neal Holliman, ECCC head baseball coach, and Diamond Warrior assistants Hunter Vick and Michael Avalon.

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WEEK OF 8-9-10

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ALFORD INKS WITH EAST CENTRAL CC

Dillon Alford (middle), a left-handed pitcher at Morton High School, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Alford was among area student-athletes joining the College's baseball program for 2010-11 during a scholarship signing ceremony held Friday, January 15 in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured with the new Diamond Warrior are (seated from left) his parents, Donna and Donavan Alford; and (standing from left) Neal Holliman, ECCC head baseball coach, and Diamond Warrior assistants Hunter Vick and Michael Avalon

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WEEK OF 1-4-2010

ECCC sweeps Delgado

from submitted reports

The Warriors of East Central Community College men's and women's basketball team swept the Delgado Dolphins Thursday in junior college basketball action.

Trailing 53-41 at the half, ECCC's mens team (5-6) rallied to take a 86-75 victory over Delgado (8-9). The Warriors were led on offense by Antonio Grace with 19 points. Steve Edwards added 15 points while Kendall Jackson finished with 14 points. Keondre Hodges and Kenneth Thomas also finished in double-digits for the Warriors.

ECCC Women	**58**
Delgado	**51**

The Lady Warriors of ECCC (7-4) grabbed a 58-5q win over the Delgado Lady Dolphins (5-10).

Four players finished the night with eight points for the Lady Warriors, Bianca Thomas, Sierra Croff, Danielle Cole, and Hannah Lee.

The Warriors and Lady Warriors will be back in action Saturday at home versus Coahoma.

– Josh Taylor

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WEEK OF 1-4-2010

Tip time changes for ECCC hoops

East Central Community College's basketball squads begin 2010 competition by hosting Delgado Community College Thursday, January 7 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Women's action begins at 2 p.m. followed by the men's contest at 4. Game times were previously scheduled for 6 and 8 p.m.

The Lady Warriors enter the non-division matchup with a 6-4 overall mark and the Warriors are 4-6.

ECCC squads will also host Coahoma Community College Saturday at 2 p.m.

Both will resume MACJC South Division competition by taking on Southwest Mississippi Community College squads Monday, Jan. 11.

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WEEK OF 1-4-10

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from school reports

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Billy Smith's Lady Warriors enter the non-division matchup with a 6-4 overall mark and the Warriors, led by head coach Maurice Bowie, are 4-6.

ECCC squads will also host Coahoma Community College on Saturday. The women's game starts at 2 p.m. followed by the men's battle at 4 p.m. in Brackeen-Wood.

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JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST MISS. 78, JONES 73

Southwest Miss. (6-3) —Ta'Keya Felder 17, Alisha Rayborn 16, LaTonia Anthony 14, Bearden 9, Addison 7, Dotey 5, Trippi 4, Elthage 4, Patterson 2.

Jones (10-4) — Carey 28, Ashley Lee 16, Erica Moore 10, Evans 9, Taylor 4, Harris 4, Little 1, McLaurin 1.

Southwest Miss.	38 40	—78
Jones	26 47	—73

DELTA STATE 83, ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO 69

Delta State (13-0) —Bug Cooper 27, Veronica Walker 18, Martin 10, Russell 8, Wahlington 7, Collins 6, Bell 3, Henderson 2, Sanders 2.

Arkansas-Monticello (7-7) — Brown 13, Gordon 13, Clark 9, Rivera 9, Johnson 8, Seale 5, Smith 5, Williams 2, Perkins-Miller 2, Hawkins 2, Hubard 1.

Delta State	46 37	—83
Arkansas-Monticello	37 32	—69

ITAWAMBA 84, NORTHEAST MISS. 48

Northeast Miss. (3-9) —Al'Lisha Hudson 17, Johnson 7, Cornelius 7, Williams 6, Butler 6, Phillips 3, Whitley 2.

Itawamba (10-6) —Destini Shannon 15, Dill 12, Bowens 11, Berry 10, Collins 9, Crudup 9, Pierce 7, Andress 3, Trice 3, Williams 2, Cole 2, Payne 1.

Northeast Miss.	23 25	—48
Itawamba	37 47	—84

NORTHWEST MISS. 78, MISS. DELTA 62

Miss. Delta—Camissa Jackson 17, Aiesha Banks 10, Lakes 8, Br. Crawford 7, Washington 5, Je. Crawford 4, Love 4, Jones 2, Banks 2, Dorsey 3.

Northwest Miss. (6-4) — Adams 19, Futrell 15, Fonden 15, Townsend 15, Bowen 5, Simpson 4, Wadlington 3, McKinney 2.

Miss. Delta	25 37	—62
Northwest Miss.	36 42	—78

EAST CENTRAL 63, HINDS 58

Hinds (4-10) —Kiana McCarty 17, Porter 15, Kr. Johnson 9, Graham 7, Bullock 6, . Johnson 4.

East Central (9-4) —Danielle Cole 20, Hannah Lee 15, Jones 8, Neely 6, Croff 5, Slocum 3, Thomas 3, Odom 3.

Hinds	35 23	—58
East Central	31 32	—63

HOLMES 60, COAHOMA 56

Coahoma— Malone 19, Nunnaly 16, Kimble 8, Winford 5, le Ruijter 4, Robinson 2, Griffin 2.

Holmes— Archie 15, Haynes 8, McGruder 8, McClain 8, Hall 6, Greer 4, Williams 4, Henry 2, Prevost 2, Pointer 2.

Coahoma	22 34	—56
Holmes	30 30	—60

PEARL RIVER 57, DELGADO (LA.) 53

Pearl River— Weathers 25, Holder 11, Green 9, Peters 7, Epps 5.

Delgado (La.)— Ellis 22, Conner 12, Lerille 4, Scrubbs 4, Jackson 3, Jones 3, Walker 3, Varmall 2.

Pearl River	33 24	—57
Delgado (La.)	26 27	—53

MEN

MISS. DELTA 75, NORTHWEST MISS. 71

Miss. Delta— Kimber 22, Falando Jones 18, Downey 6, Moore 4, Scott 2, Harris 8, Calvin 5, Coppage 2, Martin 2, Coffrell 6.

Northwest Miss. (7-8) —Justin Gillard 16, Key 15, Brown 12, Anderson 9, Fondren 8, Morris 6, Certion 3, Rodgers 2.

Miss. Delta	34 41	—75
Northwest Miss.	38 33	—71

HOLMES 68, COAHOMA 66

Coahoma—Tony Payne 21, Donteeno Todd 16, Lewis 9, Kelvin Miller 11, Bailey 5, Tumblin 2, Brown 2.

Holmes— Clay 14, Gabe Osagie 12, James Archie 11, Jones 11, Moore 7, Ratliff 6, Borden 3, Hayden 2, Hearn 2.

Coahoma	39 27	—66
Holmes	35 33	—68

HINDS 83, EAST CENTRAL 62

Hinds—Chris Wallace 21, Mark Wilkerson 17, Kenny Mullins 16, Burks 12, Richardson 5, Ja. Wilson 4, Wilson 4, Walker 2, Wright 2.

East Central—Kenny Thomas 16, Antonio Grace 10, Kendall Jackson 10, Bronson 8, Banks 5, McLenden 5, Edwards 6, Hodges 2.

Hinds	36 47	—83
East Central	29 33	—62

JONES 88, SOUTHWEST MISS. 69

Southwest Miss. — Thompson 26, Harris 10, London 10, Lewis 7, Morris 6, Cunningham 3, Hogan 2, McCray 2, Rhodus 2, Brown 1.

Jones—Brandon Wilson 17, Fleming 16, Kendrick McDonald 14, Combs 9, McDonald 6, Kelly 6, Brinson 6, Rankins 5, Collins 3, Brown 3, Marshall 2, Buxton 1.

Southwest Miss.	38 31	—69
Jones	45 43	—88

PEARL RIVER 85, DELGADO (L.A.) 51

Pearl River— Crawford 21, Jones 13, Keeler 10, Vickers 10, Washington 9, Little 8, Moore 7, Brown 2, McDaniel 2, Stubbs 2, Ladner 1.

Delgado (La.)— Gibson 10, Sanders 7, Williams 7, Grisby 6, Riley 5, Burnett 4, Christain 4, Alveris 3, Maior 3, Jackson 2.

Pearl River	49 36	—85
Delgado (La.)	31 20	—51

ITAWAMBA 71, NORTHEAST MISS. 64

Northeast Miss.—Pritchard 26, Borty 12, Ezeiiofo 10, Garrett 8, Gamble 4, Wicks 3, Tate 3.

Itawamba— Nelson 16, Nelson 15, Word 13, McIntosh 12, Hampton 6, Ruth 3, Luster 2, Morgan 2, Holliway 2.

Northeast Miss.	20 44	—64
Itawamba	29 42	—71

MISS. GULF COAST 66, COPIAH-LINCOLN 64

Copiah-Lincoln— Hooten 18, Campbell 15, Roberts 15, Evas 8, Brown 6, Hollins 2.

Miss. Gulf Coast (11-5) —Willis Brownlee 21, Centron 17, Roscoe 9, Williams 8, Adams 5, Walker 4, Washington 2.

Copiah-Lincoln	34 30	—64
Miss. Gulf Coast	35 31	—66

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MONDAY'S RESULTS

WOMEN

MISS. GULF COAST 80, PEARL RIVER 59

Miss. Gulf Coast (5-9) —Kiara Johnson 28, Collins 19, Burkhalter 8, McCormick 7, Davis 6, Millender 4, Butcher 2, Echols 6.

Pearl River— Epps 27, fairley 11, Weathers 10, Lacoste 4, Holder 3, Peters 2, Green 2.

Miss. Gulf Coast	32 48	—80
Pearl River	30 29	—59

SOUTHWEST MISS. 85, EAST CENTRAL 68

East Central—Hannah Lee 18, Shanteil Neely 13, Slocum 5, Jones 9, Bufkin 6, Bryant 2, Cole 8, Odom 7.

Southwest Miss. (5-3) —Octavia Bearden 20, Felder 8, Rayborn 4, Addison 4, Patterson 7, Tribol 4, Dotey 8, Ivielle Stewart 15, Elphage 4, Cumberland 3, Anthony 8.

East Central	23 45	—68
Southwest Miss.	50 35	—85

MISS. DELTA 52, HOLMES 43

Holmes (0-9) —McGruder 9, Armstead 7, Merritt 7, Williams 6, Haynes 5, Pointer 4, McClain 2, Hall 1, Greer 1, Prevost 1.

Miss. Delta— Washington 11, Crawford 8, Love 6, Blakes 6, Crawford 4, Jackson 4, Banks 4, Dorsey 3, Jones 2, Boddie 2, Banks 2.

Holmes	22 21	—43
Miss. Delta	26 26	—52

EAST MISS. 68, ITAWAMBA 57

Itawamba (9-6) —Lori Crudup 14, Jessica Collins 12, Birdie Bowens 11, Dill 6, Berry 5, Shannon 4, Cole 3, Pierce 2.

East Miss. (8-6) — Tate 22, Martika Hull 14, Berry 12, Gray 5, Tate 5, Chandler 4, Windorn 4, Stowers 2.

Itawamba	28 29	—57
East Miss.	38 30	—68

COPIAH-LINCOLN 85, JONES 67

Jones (10-3) — Carey 21, Ashley Lee 14, Harris 8, Evans 6, Simmons 2, Little 2, Moore 5, Tucker 3, Taylor 4, McLaurin 2.

Copiah-Lincoln (14-0) —Latoria Holder 25, Rachel Vigers 22, Simmons 22, Webster 6, Collins 2, Roberts 3, Hunt 5.

Jones	37 30	—67
Copiah-Lincoln	45 40	—85

MEN

SOUTHWEST MISS. 73, EAST CENTRAL 66

East Central—Keondre Hodges 15, Shelton Banks 14, Kenny Thomas 12, Steve Edwards 10, Antonio Grace 10, McKee 3, Bronson 2.

Southwest Miss. (2-6) — Lewis 14, Hogan 12, Morris 12, Thompson 10, London 9, Jones 7, Tucker 4, Harris 2, Rhodus 2, Cunningham 1.

East Central	27 39	—66
Southwest Miss.	38 35	—73

EAST MISS. 54, ITAWAMBA 51

Itawamba (9-5) —Wesley McIntosh 12, Word 11, Vincenzo Nelson 10, Morgan 8, Ford 8, Holliway 2.

East Miss. (13-2) —Coco Ware 12, Alexander 10, Harris 9, Thompson 8, Walker 7, Bennett 4, King 3, Brand 1.

Itawamba	23 28	—51
East Miss.	24 30	—54

JONES 87, COPIAH-LINCOLN 81

Jones (8-5) —Brandon Wilson 29, Kendrick McDonald 22, Brinson 12, Combs 10, Fleming 6, To. McDonald 8.

Copiah-Lincoln (2-12) —Marcus Hooten 21, Michael Campbell 19, Blaine Roberts 16, Ford 8, Evans 7, Hollins 4, Brown 6.

Jones	48 39	—87
Copiah-Lincoln	37 44	—81

HOLMES 82, MISS. DELTA 76

Holmes (6-7) — James Archie 19, Jones 12, Clay 12, Gabe Osagie 11, Moore 7, Hearn 5, Pittman 5, Partee 4, Borden 3, Hayden 2, LeGrande 2.

Miss. Delta—Falando Jones 22, Moore 12, Kimber 14, Downey 8, Harris 7, James 6, Coffrell 5, Martin 2.

Holmes	30 52	—82
Miss. Delta	37 39	—76

HINDS 85, MERIDIAN 78

Meridian— Taylor 31, Donald 16, Dean 14, McQuarry 11, Hunnell 4, Pettway 2.

Hinds (12-1) —Chris Wallace 22, JaCorey Wright 15, Mark Wilkerson 17, Burks 15, Mullins 3, Burks 2, Richardson 2, Wilson 8, Williams 1.

Meridian	36 42	—78
Hinds	42 43	—85

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WEEK OF 1-11-2010

EC women win pair

The East Central Community College basketball teams swept Delgado and split with Coahoma in last week's hoops action.

EC women 58
Delgado 51

Bianca Thomas, Sierra Croff, Danielle Cole, and Hannah Lee had eight points apiece in leading the Lady Warriors to Thursday's win at Decatur.

The Lady Warriors, 7-4, led 28-21 at halftime.

EC men 86
Delgado 75

Antonio Grace of Newton had 19 points to leads the Warriors. Steve Edwards tossed in 15 and Kendall Jackson added 14.

EC led 53-41 at the half.

EC women 57
Coahoma 39

Yolanda Jones pumped in 16 points to lead EC to Saturday's win at Decatur.

EC, 8-4, also got eight points from Danielle Cole and seven from Hannah Lee.

Coahoma 80
EC men 62

The Tigers outscored EC 46-32 in the second half to pull away in Saturday's contest at Decatur.

Steve Edwards, a 6-foot sophomore guard from Newton, tallied 17 points to lead the Warriors, 5-7.

Kenneth Thomas and Newton's Keondre Hodges had 10 each. Shelton Banks added nine points for the Warriors.

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WEEK OF 1-11-2010

EC squads swept at Southwest

Playing on the road for the first time in 2010 was not a pleasant experience for East Central Community College basketball squads who dropped MACJC South Division contests to Southwest Mississippi Community College Monday in Summit.

The Lady Warriors were unable to overcome a 50-23 halftime deficit and fell 80-68, and the Warriors' second-half rally also fell short in a 73-66 decision.

Sophomore guard Hannah Lee of Philadelphia pumped in 18 points to lead the EC women, who fell to 8-5 overall and 0-2 in division play. Lee is a former standout at Leake Academy.

Also scoring were Shantel Neely, a product of Searcy (Ark.) High School, 13; Yolanda Jones of Lake, nine; Danielle Cole of Philadelphia, eight; Quentinette Odom of Scott Central, seven; Shanequa Bufkin of Scott Central, six; Demetria Slocum, a product of Bradford High School in Starke, Fla., five; and Alise Bryant of Northwest Rankin, two.

Octavia Bearden had 20 points to lead the Lady Bears, who improved to 5-3 and 1-1.

In the men's contest, freshman guard Kenondre Hodges of Newton lead the Warriors with 15 points.

EC squads host Hinds Community College Thursday night. Women's action begins at 6 p.m. followed by the men's contest at 8 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

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WEEK OF 1-18-10

EC women rally past Hinds

By Marty Stamper
Appeal Sports Editor

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors went 1-1 on the hardwood last week, while the Warriors lost both of their games.

The Lady Warriors entered the week with a 9-5 overall record and a 1-2 MACJC South Division mark.

The EC men were 5-9 and 1-2.

After going to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community on Tuesday, the Warriors and Lady Warriors host Pearl River on Thursday beginning at 6 p.m.

Southwest	**80**
EC women	**68**

The Lady Warriors fell to 0-2 in the division and 8-5 overall on January 11 at Summit.

Southwest put the game away in the first half as the Lady Bears carried a 50-23 lead into halftime.

Hannah Lee pumped in 18 points to lead EC. Shantel Neely added 13 points, Yolanda Jones scored nine, Danielle Cole eight, Quentinette Odom seven, and Shanequa Bufkin six.

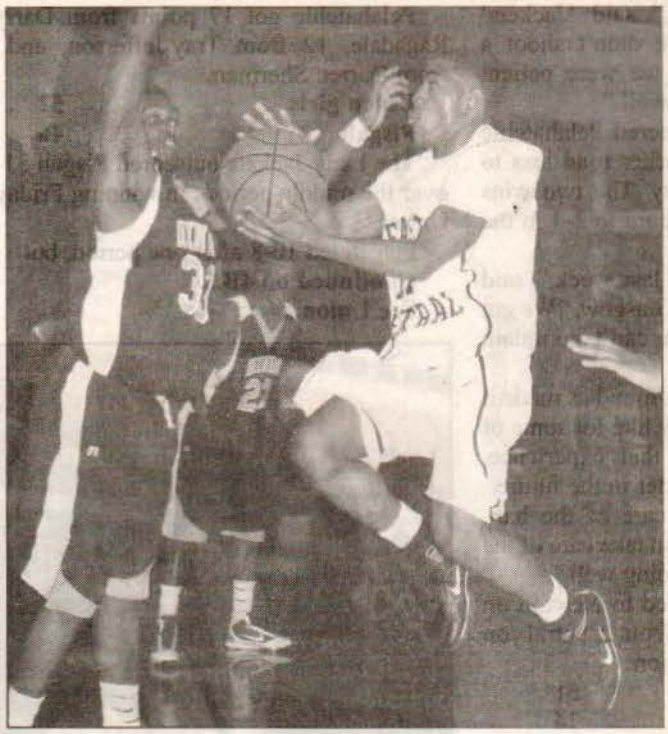
Octavia Bearden led Southwest, 5-3 and 1-1, with 20 points.

Southwest	**73**
EC men	**66**

The Warriors fell to 1-1 in the division and 5-8 overall with the January 11 loss at Summit.

The Bears carried a 38-27 lead into halftime as they improved to 2-0 and 2-6.

Keondre Hodges of Newton had 15 points to lead the Warriors. Shelton Banks added 14 points, Kenny Thomas scored 12, and Steve Edwards and Antonio Grace, both of Newton, had 10 each.



EC's Antonio Grace of Newton soars to the basket against Hinds.

Photo by Marty Stamper

D.J. Lewis led Southwest with 14 points.

EC women	**63**
Hinds	**58**

A 28-4 run in the second half turned around Thursday's division contest at Decatur.

The Lady Warriors trailed 35-31 at halftime and were down 41-31 before scoring 28 of the next 32 points to take a 59-45 lead.

Danielle Cole scored 18 points to lead EC as the Lady Warriors improved to 9-5 overall and 1-2 in the division.

Hannah Lee tossed in 10 points for EC. Yolanda Jones scored eight, Demetria Slocum had seven, Bianca Thomas and Shantel Neely both scored six, and Sierra Croff of Newton County, added five.

Kiana McCarty had 17 points and Lilly Porter added 15 to lead Hinds. The Lady Bulldogs fell to 4-10 and also 1-2.

Hinds	**83**
EC men	**62**

The Warriors dropped to 5-9 overall and 1-2 in league play with Thursday's loss at Decatur.

Hinds, which entered the contest ranked No. 19 nationally, improved to 13-1 and 3-0.

Hinds led 36-29 at halftime and outscored the Warriors 47-33 over the final 20 minutes.

Kenneth Thomas led EC with 16 points. Also scoring were Antonio Grace of Newton with 10 points, Jasper Bronson and Kendall Jackson with eight each, Jonathan McLenden with seven, Steve Edwards of Newton with six, and Shelton Banks with five.

Chris Wallace had 21 points to lead Hinds.

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WEEK OF 1-18-2010

EC Lady Warriors rally past Hinds

Philadelphia's Danielle Cole pumped in 18 points to lead the East Central Community College women to a 63-58 nail-biter over Hinds Community College Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus

With the win, the Lady Warriors improved to 9-5 overall and 1-2 in the MACJC South Division. The Lady Bulldogs are now 4-10 and also 1-2.

In addition to Cole – a sophomore guard from Philadelphia – other EC point makers were Leake Academy product Hannah Lee, also of Philadelphia, 10; Yolanda Jones of Lake, eight; Demetria Slocum, of Bradford High School in Starke, Fla., seven; Bianca Thomas of Sebastopol and Shantel Neely of Searcy (Ark.) High School, six each; Sierra Croff of Newton County, five; and Quentinette

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5-9 overall and 1-2 in league play. Hinds improved to 13-1 and 3-0.

Sophomore guard Kenneth Thomas of Jackson Provide led East Central with 16 points. Also scoring were Antonio Grace of Newton, 10; Jasper

College Tuesday, Jan. 19. Women's action begins at 6 p.m. followed by the men's contest at 8 p.m.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors host Pearl River Community College squads Thursday, Jan. 21, beginning at 6 p.m.

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WEEK OF 1-25-2010

Jones County	**93**
ECCC women	**82**

JCJC placed five players in double figures, led by Tanecka Carey's 24 points, to roll past East Central.

With her team trailing 40-39, Dominique Evans converted a 3-point play to start the second half and put the Bobcats up for good 42-40.

ECCC's Shantel Neely converted a 3-point play with 12:07 remaining and pulled the Warriors within 55-50.

Danielle Cole had 23 points for the Warriors, while Shantel Neely had 15.

— from school reports

Jones County	**99**
East Central men	**89**

Jones County placed four players in double figures, led by Brandon Wilson's 28 points, as the Bobcats remained at least tied for first place in the division.

Wilson, a NJCAA Preseason All-American forward, also had nine rebounds for the Bobcats.

Kenneth Thomas paced the Warriors with 26 points. Kendall Jackson added 15.

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WEEK OF 1-28-2010

Jones' trey lifts Lady Warriors to victory

DECATUR — Yolanda Jones' three-point shot late in overtime gave East Central Community College the lead for good and the Lady Warriors held on for a thrilling 84-83 victory over Pearl River Community College Thursday night in Decatur.

Jones, a sophomore guard and Lake High School graduate, scored 25 points — including five three-pointers — to lead East Central, which improved to 10-6 overall and 2-3 in the MACJC South Division.

Also scoring were Quentinette Odom of Scott Central, seven; Shanequa Bufkin, also of Scott Central, six; Bianca Thomas of Sebastopol, four; Odom led in rebounds with nine.

In the men's contest, EC dropped another close contest as the Warriors fell 59-54 to the visiting Wildcats.

Scorers included Shelton Banks of Morton, five, and Kendrick McKee of Scott Central, three.

East Central's Warriors fell to 5-11 overall and 1-4 in their division.

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WEEK OF 2-1-2010

Winless week for EC

from school reports

East Central Community College's basketball squads continue to struggle in MACJC South Division competition as the Lady Warriors and Warriors dropped decisions at Jones County Junior College and Copiah-Lincoln Community College last week.

The Lady Warriors fell to 10-8 overall and 2-5 in the division.

The EC men dropped to 5-13 and 1-6.

Both face uphill battles to qualify for the MACJC State Tournament.

EC canceled games scheduled for February 1 at Delgado Community College in New Orleans.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors return to action Thursday by hosting division rival Southwest Mississippi Community College.

Jones	**93**
EC women	**82**

The EC women were not able to maintain a slim 40-39 advantage at halftime and were outscored 54-42 in the second half by the Lady Bobcats.

Danielle Cole, a sophomore guard from Philadelphia, had 23 points to lead the Lady Warriors, who fell to 10-7 overall and 2-4 in league play.

Also scoring were Shantel Neely with 15 points, Demetria Slocum with 13, Yolanda Jones and Hannah Lee with nine each, and Bianca Thomas with five.

Tanecka Carey pumped in 24 points for Jones, which improved to 13-4 and 4-2.

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The Warriors' rally from a 21-point halftime deficit fell short in the 10-point setback to the Bobcats. A 53-32 halftime deficit was too much to overcome for the Warriors, who dropped to 5-12 and 1-5.

Kenneth Thomas of Jackson Provine was the top scorer for EC with 26 points. Kendall Jackson had 15, Keondre Hodges and Steve Edwards, both Newton products, added 13 each; Antonio Grace, also of Newton, had 12.

Brandon Wilson poured in 28 points to lead the Bobcats, who improved to 11-6 and 5-1.

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Kenneth Thomas had 17, Keondre Hodges and Elijah Tanksley both had 11, Shelton Banks had eight, and Kendall Jackson had six.

Marcus Hooten poured in 25 points for the Wolves, who improved to 4-14 and 2-5.

The Warriors trailed 33-25 at halftime.

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WEEK OF 2-1-2010

ECCC basketball teams fall to Co-Lin squads

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors were simply overwhelmed by the nationally ranked and undefeated Copiah-Lincoln Lady Wolves who cruised to a 72-52 victory Thursday night on the Wesson campus.

The Lady Warriors fell to 10-8 overall and 2-5 in division play following the MACJC South Division matchup, while the Co-Lin women, ranked fourth in the latest NJCAA poll, improved to 18-0 and 7-0.

Sophomore guard Danielle Cole was the leading scorer for EC with 13 points. Cole is a product of Philadelphia High School.

Other Lady Warrior scorers were Shantel Neely, of Searcy (Ark.) High School, seven; Quentinette Odom of Scott Central, six; Hannah Lee of Leake Academy, five; Yolanda Jones of Lake and Jakiala McWilliams of Neshoba Central, four each; Alise Bryant of Northwest Rankin and Demetria Slocum, a product of Bradford High School in Starke, Fla., three each; Bianca Thomas of Sebastopol, Sharae Pigues of Olive Branch and Sierra Croff of Newton County, two each; and Xenobia Lavender of Noxapater, one.

Freshman Brandi Simmons led Co-Lin with 20 points. Simmons is a product of Murrah High School in Jackson.

EC trailed 38-25 at the break.

In the men's contest, four Warriors scored in double figures but their efforts fell short in an 80-72 decision to the home standing Wolves, who avenged an earlier 80-77 loss to East Central.

Sophomore guard Antonio Grace pumped in 17 points to lead EC, which fell to 5-13 and 1-6. Grace is a product of Newton High School.

Also scoring were Kenneth Thomas of Jackson Provine,17; Keondre Hodges of Newton and Elijah Tanksley of Meridian, 11 each; Shelton Banks of Morton, eight; Kendall Jackson of Columbus, six; and Jonathan McLenden, a product of Alief Hastings High School in Houston, Texas, one.

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EC squads travel Monday to Delgado Community College in New Orleans, and host Southwest Mississippi Community College Thursday night. Game times are 6 and 8 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

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WEEK OF 2-8-2010

EC Lady Warriors clip Hinds

Warriors' woes continue

FROM STAFF REPORTS

DECATUR — East Central Community College's Lady Warriors kept their post-season hopes alive by edging the Hinds Community College women 69-65 Monday.

With the win, EC improved to 11-9 overall and 3-6 in the MACJC South Division. The Lady Warriors are in fifth place and on the heels of Gulf Coast — EC's visiting opponent Thursday.

The top four teams qualify for the MACJC State Tournament, scheduled for February 22-25.

The North Division women's winner will host the tournament. Northwest currently leads the North with an 8-2 mark, followed by Mississippi Delta (7-2) and Itawamba (7-3).

Sophomore guard Danielle Cole led East-

Hawkins, Eric Burks, Loper and Luther Burks. Walter Burks scored three points while Hunter, Lewis and Alex Butler each scored two points.

In girls action, the Lady Bobcats dropped a 41-37 loss to Cathedral on Friday. Sebastopol took a 9-8 lead in the first period but Cathedral responded 11-10 in the second period. Cathedral controlled the rest of the game with a 6-3 advantage in the third period and 16-15 run in the fourth period. No scoring information for Sebastopol players was available.

Earlier last week,

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In men's action, EC's Warriors continue their downward slide, falling to the host Bulldogs by an 86-65 margin.

Jonathan McLenden scored 20 points to lead the Warriors, who dropped to 5-15 and 1-8.

Other contributors included Elijah Tanksley and Keondre Hodges, 10 each; Kenneth Thomas, eight; Steve Edwards, seven; Antonio Grace, five; Kendrick McGee of Scott Central, three; and Jasper Bronson.

The ECCC/Gulf Coast games begin with women's action at 6 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors will travel to Pearl River Monday night and host Jones County on Thursday, February 18, in the regular season finale.

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WEEK OF 2-8-2010

Southwest sweeps EC

from school reports

East Central Community College basketball squads continue to struggle in MACJC South Division competition as the Lady Warriors and Warriors dropped decisions to Southwest Mississippi Community College Thursday night in Decatur.

EC's women were clipped 71-61 by the Lady Bears and the Warriors were outscored 68-61 by the Southwest men.

Sophomore guard Danielle Cole of Philadelphia pumped in 15 points to lead the Lady Warriors, who fell to 10-9 overall and 2-6 in league play.

Also scoring were Yolanda Jones with 15, Hannah Lee with 14, Demetria Slocum with seven, and Shantel Neely with six.

Lee led the team in rebounds with 12.

Octavia Bearden had 15 points to lead the Lady Bears, who improved to 11-4 and 6-2.

EC trailed 30-22 at halftime.

Kenneth Thomas, a sophomore guard from Jackson Provine, had 11 points to lead the Warriors, who dropped to 5-14 overall and 1-7 in the division.

Other point makers were Kendall Jackson with 10, Antonio Grace and Jonathan McLenden with eight each, and Shelton Banks, Keondre Hodges, and Elijah Tanksley with six each.

P.J. McCray of McComb poured in 13 points to lead Southwest, which improved to 3-12 and 3-5.

The score was tied 34-34 at halftime.

EC squads will host Gulf Coast Thursday night. Women's action begins at 6 p.m. followed by the men's contest at 8 p.m.

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WEEK OF 2-15-2010

JUCO BASKETBALL

East Central 81
Pearl River women 70

East Central completed a season sweep of South Division foe Pearl River in Poplarville on Monday. The Warriors won 84-83 in overtime at home Jan. 21.

Danielle Cole led three Warriors in double figures with a game-high 26, while also pulling down seven rebounds. Hannah Lee, who hits three 3-pointers, added 11 points and six rebounds for East Central, which also got 10 points from Yolanda Jones.

The Warriors, who improved to 13-9, 5-6 in the South, led 39-28 at halftime. Pearl River fell to 7-15, 1-10 in the South, despite 20 points from Kenyatta Epps, 17 from Brittany Weathers, 14 from Charlene Green and 10 from Nicole Holder.

East Central hosts Jones County on Thursday.

— Jamie Wachter

Pearl River men 70
East Central 58

Pearl River won its 13th straight Monday night by rolling past East Central in the second half.

Pearl River, which shot 59.3 percent from the floor, led 26-23 at halftime.

The Warriors, who fell to 5-16 and 1-10 in the South Division, were led by Jasper Bronson' 14 on four 3-pointers. Kenneth Thomas added 12 and Steve Edwards finished with 11. East Central hit just 38.9 percent of its shots from the floor and 38.1 percent from the free throw line, connecting on 8 of 21.

Pearl River (19-4, 9-2) received a game-high 16 from Rod Little. Kenderek Washington finished with a double-double with 14 points and 13 rebounds for Pearl River.

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WEEK OF 2-15-2010

ECCC Lady Warriors clinch playoff berth

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors qualified for post-season play following their 81-70 win over home-standing Pearl River Community College Monday night coupled with Gulf Coast's 75-63 setback to Southwest.

With the win, the EC women improved to 13-9 overall and 5-6 in the MACJC South Division. The Lady Warriors clinched fourth place and a spot in the MACJC State Tournament, scheduled Feb. 22-25, 2010, at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba.

Co-Lin leads the South at 11-0, followed by Jones County and Southwest, each with 8-3 marks. The Lady Bulldogs dropped to 4-8, followed by Hinds at 2-9 and Pearl River, 1-10. The top four finishers qualify for post-season.

Sophomore Danielle Cole of Philadelphia paced EC with 26 points and seven rebounds in the win over Pearl River.

Also scoring were Hannah Lee of Leake Academy, 11; Yolanda Jones of Lake, 10; Shantel Neely of Searcy (Ark.) High School, nine; Sierra Croff of Newton County, seven; Demetria Slocum of Bradford High School in Starke, Fla.; Xenobia Lavender of Noxapater, four; Shanequa Bufkin, three, and Quentinette Odom, two, both from Scott Central; and Sharae Piques of Olive Branch, two.

Kenyatta Epps poured in 20 points to lead the Lady Wildcats, who fell to 7-15 overall.

EC, which earlier clipped the Lady Wildcats by a slim 84-83 margin in overtime, led 39-28 at the break.

In the men's game, Pearl River broke open a close contest at halftime to win 70-58.

Jasper Bronson, a freshman from Forest Hill, pumped in 14 points to lead EC, which 10 in league play.

Other scorers were Kenneth Thomas of Jackson Provine, 12; Steve Edwards, 11, Antonio Grace, eight, and Keondre Hodges, seven, all products of Newton High School; Kendall Jackson of Columbus, four; and Jonathan McLenden, a product of Alief Hastings High School in Houston, Texas, two.

Rod Little had 16 points to lead the division-leading Wildcats, who improved to 19-4 and 9-2. The other top three teams are Jones County (8-3), Hinds (7-4) and Gulf Coast (7-5).

Pearl River led 26-23 at the break. The Warriors were edged 59-54 by the Wildcats earlier in the season.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors host Jones County Junior College Thursday in the regular season finale, which is also Sophomore Appreciation Night. The women's game begins at 6 p.m. and will be followed by the men's contest at 8 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

• **Lee's Trey leads to key ECCC victory:** Hannah Lee's three-point shot from the top of the key with 11.7 seconds remaining helped propel East Central Community College's Lady Warriors to a stunning 68-66 win over visiting Mississippi Gulf Coast Thursday night.

With the key MACJC South Division victory, EC's women improved to 12-9 overall and more importantly 4-6 in league action and kept alive their playoff hopes. The Lady Bulldogs dropped to 8-16 and 4-7. The two teams are battling for fourth place in the division. The top four teams advance to the MACJC State Tournament later this month.

Following Lee's trey – her third of the evening – teammate Danielle Cole was fouled after taking possession on a Gulf Coast turnover, and the uct made the first of two free throw attempts with 8.9 seconds remaining, giving EC its margin of victory. However, the game was not secured until Lady Bulldog Kiara Johnson was unsuccessful on her three-point attempt as time expired.

Lee, a Leake Academy product from Philadelphia, led EC with 17 points and seven rebounds. Her three-pointer with 22 seconds left cut the Gulf Coast lead at 65-64.

Cole was the second-leading scorer with 16 points and four rebounds.

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MACJC State Tournament

at East Mississippi Community College

Sweep Ending

No. 3 Co-Lin pulls away from EMCC

By Daniel Rigdon
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SCOOBA — The East Mississippi womens basketball team played like a top-10 team against the NJCAA's No.3 eam Tuesday night at Keyes T. Currie Coliseum.

EMCC gave Copiah-Lincoln all it wanted and more for most of the night.

However, a four-minute span midway through the second half doomed the Lions as the Wolves took a 73-65 victory to advance in the MACJC State Tournament. Co-Lin also got some revenge as EMCC knocked off the Wolves in last year's NJCAA Region 23 championship game.

CO-LIN 73
EMCC 65

After trailing by only one point at the halftime break, EMCC (14-12) came out gunning for the top-seeded and undefeated Wolves. Former Southeast Lauderdale standout Martika Hull led the charge for the Lions grabbing rebound-after-rebound and imparting her will inside the paint. With both teams trading baskets in the opening minutes of the

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BLOCKED
East Central Community College's Danielle Cole puts up a shot against Northwest Mississippi Community College's Hope Adams in the first round of the MACJC State Tournament on Tuesday in Scooba.

Rangers get in second ha to down Wa

By Daniel Rigdon
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SCOOBA — East C played like a team with season on the line Tue noon at Keyes T. Curri seum on the East Miss Community College ca

However, clutch shooting in the second half by Northwest Community College proved to be to much to overcome and the Warriors' season ended in the first round of the MACJC State Tourna losing 80-74.

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After entering the room only trailing 37- No. 1 seeded Rangers time, ECCC opened t minutes in the secon scoring only two poi west would go for 11 that same span to gra double-digit lead of t at 48-38.

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WEEK OF 2-22-2010

Warriors end season, Lady Warriors advance

DECATUR — The playoff-bound East Central Community College Lady Warriors were unable to maintain their halftime advantage and fell 94-85 to Jones County, and the Warriors were outscored 97-57 by the Bobcats in the regular season finale Thursday.

Scoring were Yolanda Jones of Lake, 14 points, and Quentinette Odom of Scott Central, two points, in girls action.

In boys' action, Shelton Banks of Morton scored five points.

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WEEK OF 2-22-2010

EC women clinch playoff berth

By Marty Stamper
Appeal Sports Editor

A split in last week's hoops action gave the East Central Community College women a berth in this week's MACJC State Tournament at Scooba.

The Lady Warriors, 13-10 overall and 5-7 in the South Division, opened play with Northwest Mississippi Tuesday.

The EC men added two more losses to their resume in finishing 5-18 overall and 1-11 in division play.

EC women	**81**
Pearl River	**70**

The Lady Warriors qualified for postseason play following their win at Pearl River on February 15.

EC 13-9 overall and 5-6 in the MACJC South Division, got 26 points and seven rebounds from Danielle Cole. Hannah Lee had 11 points and Yolanda Jones scored 10.

Pearl River	**70**
EC men	**58**

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Jasper Bronson led EC with 14 points. Kenneth Thomas had 12 and Newton's Steve Edwards scored 11.

Jones	**94**
EC women	**85**

Danielle Cole scored 25 points and Hannah Lee had 19 in Thursday's loss at Decatur.

EC dropped to 13-10 overall and 5-7 in the league.

Jones	**97**
EC men	**57**

Newton's Antonio Grace led EC, 5-18, 1-11, in Thursday's slaughter at Decatur with 23 points.

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WEEK OF 2-22-2010

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FIGHT FOR THE BALL

East Central Community College's Hannah Lee tries to fight off Northwest Mississippi Community College's Lanita Futrell from the ball Tuesday in the first round of the MACJC State Tournament at Keyes T. Currie Coliseum in Scooba.

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WEEK OF 3-1-2010

EC women go one and *out at state*

from school reports

The 2009-10 basketball season came to an end for the East Central Community College Lady Warriors, whose second-half rally came up short in an 80-74 defeat to Northwest Mississippi Community College on February 23 in first-round action of the MACJC State Tournament at Scooba.

EC, which finished 13-11 under fifth-year head coach Bill Smith, trailed by 15 points during second-half action but cut the lead to 79-74 on Hannah Lee's 3-point shot with 20 seconds remaining. But the Lady Warriors — the No. 4 seed in the South — could get no closer and the Lady Rangers, the top-seeded North squad, held on for the win.

Sophomore guard Danielle Cole of Philadelphia led EC with 21 points and 15 rebounds. Lee, a Leake Academy product, added 19 points, including four baskets from 3-point range.

Also scoring were Yolanda Jones and Demetria Slocum with nine points each and Shantel Neely with eight.

De'Kisha Fondren and Hope Adams poured in 16 points each to lead Northwest, 14-6.

The Lady Rangers held a 37-36 advantage at halftime.

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WEEK OF March 22, 2010

ECCC to host MACJC all-star hoops

from school reports

Sophomore basketball standouts representing the state's community and junior colleges will have an opportunity to showcase their talents when the annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) All-Star Basketball Games are held Thursday at East Central Community College in Decatur.

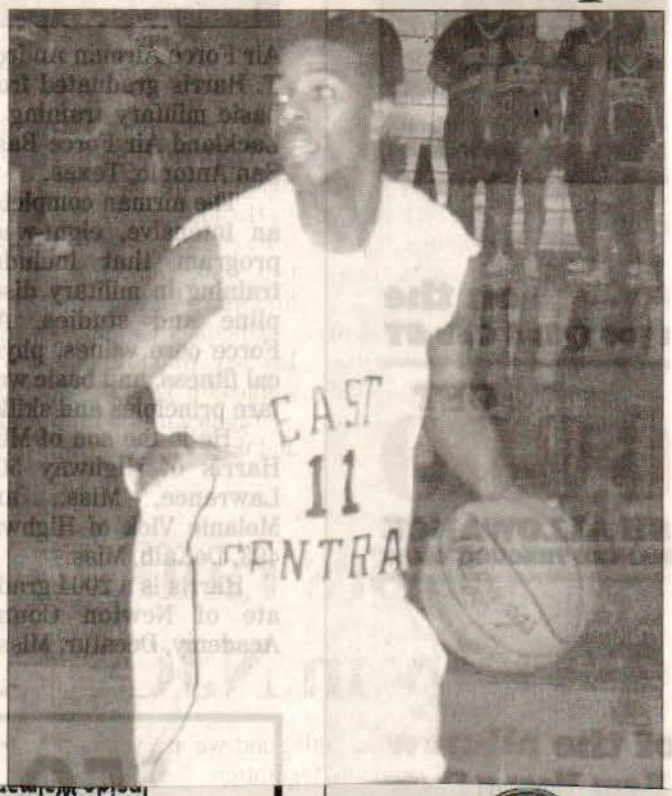
The women's matchup begins at 5 p.m. and will be followed by the men's contest at 7 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Admission is $5 per person.

Named to the South Division women's squad are Danielle Cole and Yolanda Jones, both of East Central; Latoria Holden and Rachel Northwest; Birdie Bowens, Lori Crudup and Destini Shannon, all of Itawamba; Martika Hull, East Mississippi; Tiffaney Haynes, Holmes; and Britney Lakes and Ashley Love, both of Mississippi Delta.

Bernadette McDonald of Mississippi Delta will serve as head coach.

Selected on the South men's team are Antonio Grace, East Central; Chad Jones and Derrick Harris, both of Southwest; Michael Campbell and Dwayne Brown, both of Copiah-Lincoln; Chris Wallace and Mark Wilkerson, both of Hinds; Travis Rasco, Gulf Coast; Kenderick Washington and Rod Little, both of Pearl River; and Kendrick McDonald and Todd McDonald, both of



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ECCC to host JUCO all-star basketball games

Sophomore basketball standouts representing the state's community and junior colleges will have an opportunity to showcase their talents when the annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) All-Star Basketball Games are held Thursday, March 25, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The women's matchup begins at 5 p.m. and will be followed by the men's contest at 7 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Admission is $5 per person.

Representing East Central on the South Division women's squad are Danielle Cole and Yolanda Jones.

Micherlyn Smith of Hinds will serve as head coach.

Representing East Central on the South Division men's squad is Antonio Grace.

For more information contact Bill Smith, ECCC women's head basketball coach, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 243.

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WEEK OF May 10, 2010

CCHS duo signs hoops scholarships

Choctaw Central seniors Justin Willis and Delanda Chickaway, seated center from left, recently accepted basketball scholarships from East Central Community College. The duo was joined by, seated, from left, ECCC men's coach Maurice Bowie and ECCC women's coach Billy Smith; standing, CCHS boys' coach Scott Thomas, Bell's mother Angela Chitto, Tribal Education Services officer Dalton Henry, Chickaway's mother Deana Chickaway, CCHS principal Greg Carlyle, CCHS athletic director Walter Wilson, CCHS girls' coach Jennie Vance and girls' assistant coach Elyse Willis.

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WEEK OF May 17, 2010

Breaking new ground

Lady Warriors elevate program to national level

By Marty Stamper
Appeal Sports Editor

Both the men's and women's basketball teams at East Central Community College have made several appearances in their respective national tournaments over the years.

Scott Hill

This week, the ECCC fastpitch softball program makes its debut at the national level when the Lady Warriors compete in the 16-team NJCAA Division II National Championship, Thursday-Saturday, at Champion Fields in Normal, Ill.

The fifth-seeded Lady Warriors, 44-9-1, open with Mott Community College of Flint, Mich., Thursday at 10 a.m. The Bears are 37-12 after going 4-0 to win the Region H championship this past weekend.

The ECCC-Mott loser will face the Johnson County (Kan.)-Mercyhurst North East (Penn.) loser at 2 p.m. Thursday.

The ECCC-Mott winner will play the Johnson County-Mercyhurst winner at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Getting to the nationals is a dream come true for the 2010 ECCC team whose motto is "One Team, One Dream." A dream that came true.

"When I look back to August when these young ladies came on campus, it has been a goal of ours to

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NJCAA Division II National Championship
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District	School	Record
A	South Mountain CC, Ariz.	36-15
B	Black Hawk College, Ill.	37-12
C	Kankakee CC, Ill.	56-5
D	Johnson County CC, Kan.	45-9
E	Highland CC, Kan.	39-13
F	Iowa Lakes CC	57-9
G	Muskegon CC, Mich.	54-8
H	Mott CC, Mich.	37-12
I	Mercyhurst North East College, Penn.	35-13
J	Murray State College, Okla.	12-39
K	Mercer County CC, N.J.	31-12
L	Cecil College, Md.	29-11
M	East Central CC, Miss.	44-9-1
N	Mississippi Gulf Coast CC	36-15
O	Parkland CC, Ill.	46-16
P	Heartland CC, Ill.	37-18

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were right there in the ball-game at North Pike. It was just one big play. Hopefully, we'll get those big hits on Tuesday."

That series winner faces North Pontotoc, 32-2, for the Class 4A state title Friday and Saturday at Freedom Ridge Park in Ridgeland.

Obviously, the rain delay will allow North Pontotoc to

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just keep on going."

"We really have a good team spirit and we all do a lot of stuff together," Lee added.

"We want it to be fun, but the only way it can be really, really fun is for us to go up there and represent East Central the way we know we're capable of," Hill said.

we've been together such a short time and done such a great thing," Lee said.

"I'm looking for

winning up there."

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MACJC Playoffs
(Best-of-three series)
May 7-8
First Round
East Central 13-9-8, Holmes 14-1-4
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WEEK OF June 7, 2010

Presented ECCC Lady Warrior Basketball Honors

Award-winners in women's basketball at East Central Community College include (seated from left) Sierra Croff of Newton County High School, Warrior Award; Shanequa Bufkin of Scott Central, Most Improved; and Danielle Cole of Philadelphia, Most Valuable Offensive Player, MACJC All-State, and All-Star; and (standing) Quintinnette Odom of Scott Central, Hustle Award; Hannah Lee of Leake Academy, scholar athlete; and Yolanda Jones of Lake, Most Valuable Defensive Player. Lady Warrior head coach Bill Smith presented honors at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet held on the Decatur campus.

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WEEK OF June 28, 2010

Lady Warrior Basketball Signees

New members of the 2010-11 East Central Community College women's basketball team are shown signing national letters of intent during a ceremony held on the Decatur campus. Joining the Lady Warriors this fall are (seated from left) Kelcia Bufkin, a 5-foot-6 guard from Scott Central High School; Shana Ward, a 5-foot-6 forward from Carthage High School; and Annie Brewer, a 5-foot-10 forward from Madison-Ridgeland Academy and a former Neshoba Central High School standout. Bufkin was a Mississippi/Alabama All-Star and All-State selection and received All-District honors five times. She was also named District Most Valuable Player on two occasions. She is recognized as the Lady Rebels' all-time leading scorer with 2,481 points and averaged 24 points per contest during her career. She helped lead this year's Scott Central squad to the South State semifinals en route to a 24-8 record. Ward was named Division Player of the Year in Region 6-3A and made the All-Division squad four years. She is also a four-time recipient of the Lady Tigers' Best Offensive Player award. Ward scored 522 points during her high school career. She averaged 18.1 points, 8.9 rebounds and 3-4 steals per contest. She helped lead Carthage to the Region 6-3A championship and second round action in South State competition en route to a 25-5 record. Brewer is a three-time All-District selection and also received Best Offensive Player and Free Throw awards. She helped lead MRA to the district runner-up title and a third place finish in State Tournament competition in finishing 29-7. Also seated is Bill Smith, ECCC women's head basketball coach. Standing from left are Chad Harrison, Scott Central girls' head basketball coach; Cynthia Ward, Shana's mother; Tim Reid, Carthage girls' head basketball coach; Angela Bufkin Vivians, Kelcia's mother; and Connie and Chad Clark, Annie's mother and step-father. Annie's father is Andy Brewer. Her coach at MRA is Steven Force.

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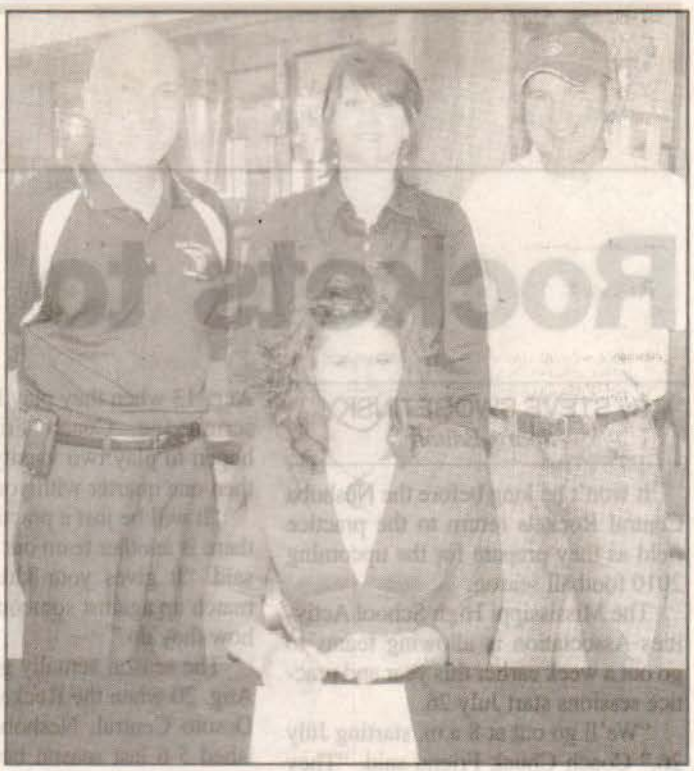

Brewer signs with ECCC

Annie Brewer, a former basketball standout at Madison-Ridgeland Academy and Neshoba Central High School, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue her career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Brewer, a 5-10 forward, is a three-time recipient of All-District honors. She also received Best Offensive Player and Free Throw awards. She helped lead MRA to the District runner-up title and a third-place finish in State Tournament competition before finishing 29-7. Shown with the new Lady Warrior are, standing, from left, Bill Smith, ECCC women's head basketball coach; and Connie and Chad Clark, the signee's mother and step-father. Anna's father is Andy Brewer. Her coach at MRA is Steven Force. The signing ceremony was held recently in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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JUCO BASKETBALL

Johnson joins ECCC basketball

WEEK OF 9-26-10

from school reports

DECATUR — Todd "TJ" Johnson was recently named assistant men's basketball coach at East Central Community College, announced head coach Maurice Bowie.

Regarding his new assistant, Bowie said, "Very seldom do you get a guy that's good for the school, kids and basketball program. I know he's an older guy that's been around the block a time or two, but we are very fortunate to have him because he frees me up to focus on other things rather than off-the-court activities. I'm pleased to add him to the ECCC family and my program."

Johnson

Prior to joining the Warrior staff, Johnson served in 2009 as an assistant men's basketball coach at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. He helped lead the squad to a Gulf South Conference championship en route to a 30-2 record.

In addition to his coaching duties, Johnson was responsible for recruiting high school and community/junior college athletes in New York, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Florida and California. He was also responsible for coordinating all community fundraising efforts.

Johnson's coaching experience also includes successful stints as a men's basketball assistant at Independence (Kan.) Community College from 1996-98; Neosho County (Kan.) Community College, 1995-96; and Midland (Texas) Junior College, 1994-95.

Johnson was a basketball standout at Bashor-Linwood High School in Kansas and continued his athletic career at Kansas City (Kan.) Community College in 1989-91 and at Mid-America Nazarene University in Olathe, Kan., in 1991-93.

He later graduated with honors from Arkansas Tech University.

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ECCC's 'young but talented' squad ready to begin season

from school reports

New faces and players with limited college experience comprise this year's version of East Central Community College Lady Warrior basketball, but head coach Bill Smith remains confident that his talent-laden squad will produce another successful campaign in 2010-11.

Both EC squads begin season action at Coahoma Community College today with game times set for 6 and 8 p.m.. The Lady Warriors and Warriors will also be on the road Thursday for matchups scheduled at 6 and 8 p.m. at Holmes Community College, prior to their home opener with East Mississippi Community College scheduled for Saturday. Game times are 2 and 4 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Smith, who begins his sixth season in successfully leading the Lady Warrior program, described the 2010-11 squad as "very enthusiastic" and a "fun team" for fans to watch.

"We'll be fast-paced and hard-working in every game, and a team that will work hard in practice every day to get better," said Smith, who has guided the Lady Warriors to six straight winning campaigns and an overall 65-49 mark, including a Region 23 title in 2007-08.

Returnees from last year's team, which advanced to the MACJC State Tournament and finished 13-11, include center Bianca Thomas (6-3) of Sebastopol, forwards Xenobia Lavender (5-11) of Noxapater, Jakiala McWilliams (5-7) of Neshoba Central, Sharae Pigues (5-10) of Olive Branch and Quentinette Odom (5-8) of Scott Central, and guards Shanequa Bufkin (5-3) of Scott Central and Alise Bryant (5-4), a product of Northwest Rankin High School.

Smith said he expects "a lot of leadership" from his sophomores, none of whom were starters last season. He is especially depending on Odom and Bufkin who received team honors following the successful 2009-10 campaign.

"Shanequa and Quentinette are our most vocal leaders on the court," he added. "And their leadership will be a key factor in our success."

Odom received the hustle award and Bufkin was recognized as the most improved player. Odom earned All-State and All-District honors at Scott Central where she also received awards for most rebounds and best defensive player.

Other sophomores receiving honors on the high school level prior to joining the Lady Warrior program were Thomas, most rebounds, best offensive player and all-tournament team; Lavender, most valuable player, rebound and offensive player awards and All-District; McWilliams, All-District, best offensive player, most improved player and free-throw awards; and Bryant, most valuable player.

With eight newcomers on the 15-person roster, Smith said it may take "a few games" before the Lady Warriors "come together as a team."

"Our freshmen will have to step up in a hurry for us to be successful," said Smith. "We signed several freshmen that need to play early and well."

Among the top signees include Ja'-Monica Orton, a 6' guard and product of Walter E. Stebbins High School in Dayton, Ohio, and Annie Brewer of Philadelphia, a 5-9 forward from Madison Ridgeland Academy.

Orton, a McDonald's All-American nominee, received All-State, All-District and most valuable player honors and also led the region in rebounds.

Brewer comes to EC after receiving best offensive player and free-throw awards at MRA, where she was also a three-time recipient of All-District honors.

Other members of the freshman class – all of whom Smith said will have an opportunity to earn playing time - include guards Inessa Adams (5-6) of Horn Lake, Deirde Hawkins (5-5) of Dermott (Ark.) High School and Shana Ward (5-6) of Carthage, and forwards Joy Luckett (5-8) of Thomastown, Elizabeth Young-Sherrod (5-7) of Seguin (Tex.) High School and Kurlysha Bell (5-10) of Kosciusko.

Adams received co-most valuable player honors and was selected on the All-Star squad.

Hawkins is a two-time All-State and All-Region selection and received All-District and All-Conference honors for four seasons.

Ward, a four-time All-District selection, also received four best offensive player awards.

Luckett is a two-time All-State selection who also received All-District honors and was chosen best offensive player.

Bell's honors include best offensive player and most rebounds.

Serving her first year as assistant coach is Britta Stephens, a former basketball standout at William Carey University in Hattiesburg, where she was a three-year starter for the Lady Crusaders. She was also selected an NAIA Scholar Athlete in 2009 and 2010. She also had a stellar career at North Pike High School in Summit, where she was chosen a Mississippi High School Basketball All-Star.

Student assistants are Nandi Franklin of West Lauderdale, Mercedes Brown of Sebastopol and Tabrica Odom, Kelcia Bufkin and Pasha Williams, all of Scott Central.

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WEEK OF 11/7/10

EC teams make debuts

from combined reports

The East Central Community College Warriors and Lady Warriors both won two of their first three basketball games of the 2010-11 season in last week's action.

Coahoma 68
EC women 64

Ja'Monica Orton missed a game-tying shot in the final moments with EC trailing 66-64 and Coahoma's Ciara Morgan later drained two free throws for a four-point advantage as the Lady Tigers escaped with a 68-64 victory in EC's season opener at Clarksdale on November 1.

Orton, a 6-foot freshman guard from Dayton, Ohio, led the Lady Warriors with 20 points.

EC, 0-1, also got nine points each from Shana Ward and Inessa Adams, eight from Kurlysha Bell, and six from Quentinette Odom.

Tia Nunnally had 19 points to lead Coahoma.

EC men 89
Coahoma 70

Kenneth Barlow of Scott Central pumped in 27 points and Curtis Loving of Harlem, N.Y., added 25 in leading EC to a 19-point thrashing of Coahoma in the season opener at Clarksdale campus on November 1.

EC, 1-0, also got 11 points from Anthony Nieves, seven from Thomas Straughter, six from Keondre Hodges of Newton, and five from Jordan Smith.

Tony Payne tallied 20 points to lead the Tigers.

EC held a 35-27 advantage at halftime.

EC women 52
Holmes 39

Quentinette Odom had 10 points to lead the EC women, who improved to 1-1 with Thursday's win at Goodman. Odom is a 5-foot-8 sophomore forward from Scott Central.

Ja'Monica Orton added nine points, Alise Bryant had eight, and Shana Ward and Shanequa Bufkin both had five.

Amber Clay had nine points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, 1-2.

EC led 25-22 at the break.

EC men 58
Holmes 53

Kenneth Barlow pumped in 15 points to lead the Warriors, as they improved to 2-0 with Thursday's win at Goodman.

Anthony Nieves and Curtis Loving both scored 11 points, Keondre' Hodges of Newton and Kegan Houston both had seven, and Thomas Straughter added five.

Curtis Bailey had 18 points to lead Holmes, 0-3.

EC held a 25-22 advantage at halftime.

EC women 70
East Mississippi 65

Shana Ward's two free throws with 36.1 seconds left gave EC a five-point lead and the Lady Warriors held on to win by that margin Saturday afternoon in Decatur.

The Lady Warriors trailed by as many as 11 points early, but trimmed the deficit to 38-34 at halftime. Ja'monica Orton had 26 points and 13 rebounds to lead EC, 2-1. Quentinette Odom scored 18 points and Ward had 11.

East Mississippi 90
EC men 57

The Warriors suffered their first loss Saturday at Decatur.

Chris McLendon led the Warriors, 2-1, with 13 points and six rebounds. Curtis Loving had 12 points and Kenneth Barlow had 10.

Deonte Alexander had 18 points to lead the Lions, 2-0.

EC trailed 40-25 at the break.

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Warriors, Lady Warriors earn splits with Northeast, Holmes

Freshman Ja' Monica Orton's jumper in the final moments of overtime provided East Central Community College's Lady Warriors with a stunning 83-82 victory over Northeast Mississippi Community College Saturday afternoon at Bonner Arnold Coliseum on the Booneville campus.

Orton sent the non-division battle into the extra period by draining three straight free throws to knot the score at 75-75 at the end of regulation.

Orton, a 6' guard and product of Walter E. Stebbins High School in Dayton, Ohio, pumped in 28 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead East Central, which evened its record at 3-3 under sixth-year head coach Bill Smith.

Also scoring were Deirdre Hawkins of Dermott (Ark.) High School, 21; Shana Ward of Carthage, 16; Quentinette Odom, six and Shanequa Bufkin, four, both of Scott Central; Inessa Adams of Horn Lake and Annie Brewer of Madison Ridgeland Academy, three each; and Bianca Thomas of Sebastopol, two.

Anna Brooke Page had 20 points to lead the Lady Tigers who dropped to 2-2.

Northeast held a 41-37 advantage at halftime.

In the men's game, Kenneth Barlow's failed 3-point attempt in the final seconds with East Central Community College trailing 77-76 allowed Northeast Mississippi Community College to escape with a 79-76 nail-biter Saturday afternoon in Booneville.

Robert Wade provided the Tigers with the winning margin after draining two free throws and later preserved the non-division victory by forcing a turnover by Warrior Chris McLendon.

Barlow, a 6-4 sophomore guard and product of Scott Central High School, pumped in 21 points and Keondre Hodges, a 5-11 guard from Newton, added 20 points to lead the Warriors who fell to 4-2 under fourth-year head coach Maurice Bowie.

Also scoring were McLendon, a Morton High School product, nine; Anthony Nieves, a product of John F. Kennedy High School in Bronx, New York and Curtis Loving of Wadleigh High School in Harlem, New York, eight each; Kegan Houston of Quitman, six; and Sharvarus Wilson of Terry and Jimmy Broomfield of Scott Central, two each. McLendon was the top rebounder with 13.

Tyler Pritchard had 20 points to lead the Tigers who evened their record at 2-2.

Northeast led 41-35 at the break.

Monday night, the Warriors raced past visiting Holmes Community College 91-69 while the Lady Warriors dropped a 93-67 decision to the Lady Bulldogs.

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ECCC Photo

East Central's Jimmie Broomfield scores an easy basket Monday night.

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The ECCC men, who improved to 5-2 on the year, got 19 points from Kenneth Barlow and 13 from Jimmie Broomfild. Wilson and Houston scored 11 points apiece. Jason Gibson had 15 points to lead the Bulldogs, who fell to 0-5.

East Central shot 61.4 percent from the floor.

In the women's game, the Lady Warriors were overwhelmed and fell to 3-4 on the season. Ward led ECCC with 15 points, while Orton scored 13.

Kierra Gilmore pumped in 21 points for Holmes, which improved to 3-3. The Lady Bulldogs led 45-33 at halftime.

ECCC will travel to East Mississippi Community College Thursday in the final contests before the Thanksgiving holidays. Game times are 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on the Scooba campus. Competition resumes Thursday, Dec. 2 as ECCC squads begin MACJC South Division play at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston. Game times are 6 and 8 p.m.

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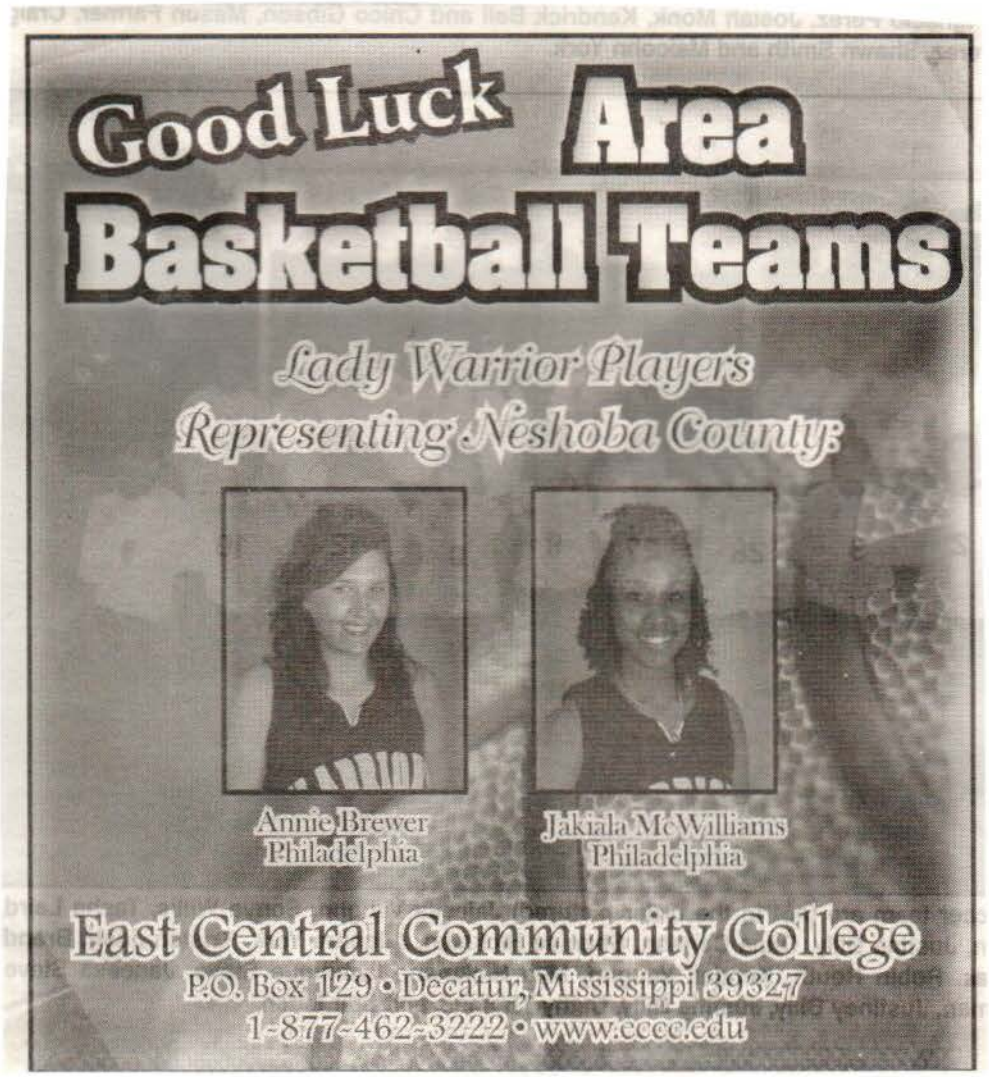

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Experienced ECCC men poised for success

from school reports

This year's version of East Central Community College men's basketball is touted as one of the most talented squads to take the floor in some time.

Not only do the Warriors feature several top returnees from the 2009-10 campaign, several new faces – transfers with college experience – should add the ingredients needed for a successful campaign.

"We have a lot of sophomores who have been involved in a junior college game to some degree and that makes a difference when you have experienced players," said Maurice Bowie, who begins his fifth campaign as the Warrior head mentor. "I also like the fact that we are tough physically this year…the last couple of years we did not defend well and were not aggressive enough."

Bowie further described his team as "an athletic, hard-nosed group that does not mind leaving all they have on the court night in and out."

They will also be fun to watch.

"I think our fans will be pleased to see a group that's very charismatic and really enjoys getting the crowd involved in games to help guide us to victory," said Bowie, who added he has "high expectations" for a successful season:

"I'm very pleased with this team because

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Members of the East Central Community College men's basketball team for 2010-11 include (seated from left) Sharavarus Wilson, Jimmy Broomfield, Glenn Thomas, Jr., Thomas Straughter, Keondre' Hodges, Shelton Banks, Kegan Houston and Justin Bell. (Standing from left) student assistant Marquise Kennedy, head coach Maurice Bowie, Kendall Jackson, Kenneth Barlow, Gregory Hodo, Curtis Loving, Bilal Kennedy, Jordan Smith, Chris McLendon, Anthony Nieves, TJ Johnson, assistant coach and student assistant Jeremy Jones.

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they all work hard every day not just when I am watching but on their own time as well. That's what separates a contender from a champion."

Top returnees include guards Kenneth Barlow (6-4, 195), a product of Scott Central High School, and Keondre Hodges (5-11, 170) of Newton High School.

Barlow received All-State and All-Star honors and was a Clarion-Ledger Dandy Dozen selection at Scott Central prior to joining the Warrior program. Hodges helped lead the Tigers to the 2008 state title received most valuable player honors in the championship game. He was named division most valuable player in 2009 and received defensive player of the year honors at Scott Central.

Barlow averaged 13 points, six rebounds and two assists, and Hodges averaged nine points and two assists during last season's 5-18 campaign. Hodges was also selected the Warriors' top defensive player.

"While those two guys will anchor us, I'm really leaning on other sophomores and JUCO transfers Anthony Nieves, Curtis Loving, Kegan Houston and Sharavarus Wilson to play big roles," said Bowie.

Nieves, a 6-4, 165-pound point guard, has reportedly committed to continue his career at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Nieves is a former standout at John F. Kennedy High School in Bronx, New York, where he also competed on the AAU circuit. He began his college career in 2008-09 at Southwestern Community College in Chula Vista, Calif., where he averaged 12.1 points, 3.2 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game. Nieves sat out last season at Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas, where he was enrolled in classes.

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Hodo received most improved and Michael Crouther awards.

Thomas was an All-District and All-Lincoln County selection and received most valuable player honors at Loyd Star.

Smith helped lead Provine to a Grand Slam championship and two state titles.

Joining the team at mid-year is Bilal Kelley, a 6-9, 205-pound center from Strawberry Mansion High School in Philadelphia, PA.

Serving his first year as assistant coach is TJ Johnson, who has several years coaching experience and most recently served in 2009 on the men's basketball staff at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. He helped lead Tech to a Gulf South Conference championship and a 30-2 record.

Student assistants include Marquise Kennedy of Lake, Jeremy Jones of Newton, Larissa Ryans of Forest, Charles Smith of Durant, Mercedes Brown of Sebastopol and Kayasha Bowie of Lena.

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East Central hardwood teams loaded with talent

New faces and players with limited college experience comprise this year's version of East Central Community College Lady Warrior basketball, but head coach Bill Smith remains confident that his talent-laden squad will produce another successful campaign in 2010-11.

Smith, who is in his sixth season in successfully leading the Lady Warrior program, described the 2010-11 squad as "very enthusiastic" and a "fun team" for fans to watch.

"We'll be fast-paced and hard-working in every game, and a team that will work hard in practice every day to get better," said Smith, who has guided the Lady Warriors to six straight winning campaigns and an overall 65-49 mark, including a Region 23 title in 2007-08.

Returnees from last year's team, which advanced to the MACJC State Tournament and finished 13-11, include center Bianca Thomas (6-3) of Sebastopol, forwards Xenobia Lavender (5-11) of Noxapater, Jakiala McWilliams (5-7) of Neshoba Central, Sharae Pigues (5-10) of Olive Branch and Quentinette Odom (5-8) of Scott Central, and guards Shanequa Bufkin (5-3) of Scott Central and Alise Bryant (5-4), a product of Northwest Rankin High School.

Smith said he expects "a lot of leadership" from his sophomores, none of whom were starters last season. He is especially depending on Odom and Bufkin who received team honors following the successful 2009-10 campaign.

"Shanequa and Quentinette are our most vocal leaders on the court," he added. "And their leadership will be a key factor in our success."

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Lady Warriors

#	Player	Pos	Ht.	Year
4	Inessa Adams	G	5'6"	Fr.
5	Bianca Thomas	C	6'3"	So.
10	Deidra Hawkins	G	5'5"	Fr.
11	Xenobia Lavender	F	5'11"	So.
12	Shana Ward	G	5'6"	Fr.
15	Jakiala McWilliams	F	5'7"	So.
20	Shanequa Bufkin	G	5'3"	So.
21	Alise Bryant	G	5'4"	So.
23	Ja'Monica Orton	G	6'0"	Fr.
24	Joy Luckett	F	5'8"	Fr.
30	Sharae Pigues	F	5'10"	Fr.
32	Kurlysha Bell	C	5'10"	Fr.
34	Quentinette Odom	F	5'8"	So.

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1/13	vs. Southwest
1/18	@ Hinds
1/20	vs. Copiah-Lincoln
1/24	@ Pearl River
1/27	vs. Gulf Coast
1/31	@ Jones
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2/7	@ Southwest
2/10	vs. Hinds
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Odom received the hustle award and Bufkin was recognized as the most improved player. Odom earned All-State and All-District honors at Scott Central where she also received awards for most rebounds and best defensive player.

Other sophomores receiving honors on the high school level prior to joining the Lady Warrior program were Thomas, most rebounds, best offensive player and all-tournament team; Lavender, most valuable player, rebound and offensive player awards and All-District; McWilliams, All-District, best offensive player, most improved player and free-throw awards; and Bryant, most valuable player.

With eight newcomers on the 15-person roster, Smith said it may take "a few games" before the Lady Warriors "come together as a team."

"Our freshmen will have to step up in a hurry for us to be successful," said Smith. "We signed several freshmen that need to play early and well."

Among the top signees include Ja'Monica Orton, a 6' guard and product of Walter E. Stebbins High School in Dayton, Ohio, and Annie Brewer of Philadelphia, a 5-9 forward from Madison Ridgeland Academy.

Orton, a McDonald's All-American nominee, received All-State, All-District and most valuable player honors and also led the region in rebounds.

Brewer comes to EC after receiving best offensive player and free-throw awards at MRA, where she was also a three-time recipient of All-District honors.

Other members of the freshman class – all of whom Smith said will have an opportunity to earn playing time - include guards Inessa Adams (5-6) of Horn Lake, Deirde Hawkins (5-5) of Dermott (Ark.) High School and Shana Ward (5-6) of Carthage, and forwards Joy Luckett (5-8) of Thomastown, Elizabeth Young-Sherrod (5-7) of Seguin (Tex.) High School and Kurlysha Bell (5-10) of Kosciusko.

Adams received co-most valuable player honors and was selected on the All-Star squad.

Hawkins is a two-time All-State and All-Region selection and received All-District and All-Conference honors for four seasons.

Ward, a four-time All-District selection, also received four best offensive player awards.

Luckett is a two-time All-State selection who also received All-District honors and was chosen best offensive player.

Bell's honors include best offensive player and most rebounds.

Warriors loaded with talent

This year's version of East Central Community College men's basketball is touted as one of the most talented squads to take the floor in some time.

Not only do the Warriors feature several top returnees from the 2009-10 campaign, several new faces – transfers with college experience – should add the ingredients needed for

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a successful campaign.

"We have a lot of sophomores who have been involved in a junior college game to some degree and that makes a difference when you have experienced players," said Maurice Bowie, who begins his fifth campaign as the Warrior head mentor. "I also like the fact that we are tough physically this year...the last couple of years we did not defend well and were not aggressive enough."

Bowie further described his team as "an athletic, hard-nosed group that does not mind leaving all they have on the court night in and out.

"I think our fans will be pleased to see a group that's very charismatic and really enjoys getting the crowd involved in games to help guide us to victory," said Bowie, who added he has "high expectations" for a successful season:

"I'm very pleased with this team because they all work hard every day not just when I am watching but on their own time as well. That's what separates a contender from a champion."

Top returnees include guards Kenneth Barlow (6-4, 195), a product of Scott Central High School, and Keondre Hodges (5-11, 170) of Newton High School.

Barlow received All-State and All-Star honors and was a Clarion-Ledger Dandy Dozen selection at Scott Central prior to joining the Warrior program. Hodges helped lead the Tigers to the 2008 state title and received most valuable player honors in the championship game. He was named division most valuable player in 2009 and received defensive player of the year honors at Scott Central.

Barlow averaged 13 points, six rebounds and two assists, and Hodges averaged nine points and two assists during last season's 5-18 campaign. Hodges was also selected the Warriors' top defensive player.

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3	Sharavarus Wilson	G	5'11"	So.
10	Anthony Nieves	PG	6'4"	Fr.
11	Thomas Slaughter	PG	6'0"	Fr.
12	Kenneth Barlow	G	6'4"	So.
14	Curtis Loving	G	6'4"	So.
15	Kendall Jackson	F	6'1"	So.
20	Bilal Kelley	C	6'9"	So.
21	Keondre' Hodges	G	5'11"	So.
22	Gregory Hodo	G	6'3"	Fr.
23	Kegan Houston	G	5'11"	So.
25	Jordan Smith	F	6'5"	Fr.
30	Chris McLendon	F	6'5"	Fr.
31	Shelton Banks	PG	5'9"	So.
34	Glenn Thomas Jr.	G	6'0"	Fr.
44	Jimmy Broomfield	G	5'11"	Fr.

ECCC teams wrap up first semester action

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from combined reports

Both the men's and women's basketball teams at East Central Community College went 1-1 last week.

The Warriors carry a 6-5 record into the holidays, while the Lady Warriors are 4-7.

The EC teams are off until January 11 when they host Northwest Mississippi Community College.

Jones	**99**
EC women	**96**

Taneka Carey's short jumper with 9.5 seconds remaining snapped a 96-96 tie and the visiting Lady Bobcats held on for the December 6 win over the Lady Warriors in Decatur.

EC had a chance to tie the contest but Deidra Hawkins' layup rolled off the rim with 2.6 seconds left. After Tierro Frost made the second of two free throw attempts to give Jones the three-point edge, Ja'Monica Orton heaved a desperation trey that was off the mark as the buzzer sounded.

Orton poured in 35 points to lead EC, which dropped to 3-7 overall and 0-2 in South Division play under sixth-year head coach Bill Smith.

Orton made 12-of-22 field goals and connected on 10-of-13 free throws. She was also credited with seven rebounds.

Hawkins poured in 25 points and led the Lady Warriors in rebounds with eight. She made 10-of-19 field goals.

Quentinette Odom had nine points, Shana Ward had seven, Kurlysha Bell six, and Shanequa Bufkin and Inessa Adams four each.

Carey led Jones with 37 points.

EC, which jumped out to an early 10-point lead, trailed 48-44 at the break.

EC men	**76**
Jones	**64**

The Warriors evened their MACJC South Division record at 1-1 with the December 6 win over the Bobcats in Decatur.

Kenneth Barlow pumped in 18 points to lead EC, which improved to 6-4 under fifth-year head coach Maurice Bowie.

The Warriors also got 12 points from Keondre Hodges, 11 from Chris McClendon, 10 from Kegan Houston, nine from Jimmie Broomfield, eight from Anthony Nieves, and six from Curtis Loving.

Loving also pulled down 13 rebounds.

The Warriors shot 49.2 percent (31-of-63) from the floor and connected on 12-of-26 free throws (46.2 percent).

EC's Kenneth Barlow dunks against Jones.

EC photo

Derrious Gilmore poured in 19 points to lead the Bobcats, who dropped to 4-5 and 1-1.

The division battle was tied five times including at halftime when the score was 32-32.

EC's largest lead was 72-59 and there were four lead changes.

EC women	**71**
Itawamba	**70**

The Lady Indians, 7-3, missed a pair of free throws with no time left in regulation in their one-point loss to the Lady Warriors Thursday at Fulton.

Ja'Monica Orton paced EC, 4-7, with a game-high 18 points.

LaPrecious Naylon led Itawamba with 16 points.

Itawamba	**75**
EC men	**70**

Jonathan Luster scored 14 points to lead Itawamba to the five-point victory over East Central Thursday at Fulton.

Jimmie Broomfield led the Warriors with 13 points.

EC fell to 6-5, while Itawamba improved to 4-6.

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JUCO FOOTBALL

EMCC places two on NJCAA All-American team, ECCC gets one spot

from school reports

East Mississippi Community College's Quinton Dial and Brad Henderson have closed out their standout junior college football careers by being named 2010 NJCAA All-Americans, as announced Thursday by the NJCAA office headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colo. They were joined by East Central star Chris Ficklin.

Dial, a defensive lineman, was selected to the NJCAA's second team, while Henderson earned honorable mention status as a quarterback and Ficklin was an honorable mention linebacker selection.

A University of Alabama signee from Clay, Ala., Dial ranked third on this year's EMCC team with 76 total tackles (46 solos and 30 assists), including 3.5 sacks and four other tackles for loss. The 6-foot-6, 315-pound sophomore was also credited with two pass breakups, one forced fumble and a fumble recovery this past season.

Dial previously collected 2010 NJCAA All-Region 23 and MACJC All-North Division accolades earlier this postseason for the Lions.

A 6-foot, 215-pound signal-caller, Henderson ranked second nationally in passing yards per game (276.3 yds/gm) this past year and rated third among NJCAA statistical leaders with an average of 308.3 yards of total offense per contest. The former Starkville High

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School product completed 60 percent (232-of-388) of his passes for 2,763 yards, 26 touchdowns and only seven interceptions as a sophomore.

Along with previously being voted by the league's head coaches as the MVP among the offensive backs of the MACJC's North Division, Henderson shared 2010 NJCAA All-Region 23 quarterbacking honors with Region 23 MVP and NJCAA First Team All-American Melvin German of Pearl River Community College.

Ficklin, a freshman from Scott Central, led the Warriors with 126 tackles (78 solo and 48 assisted). He also had 5.5 sacks and two fumble recoveries.

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Alumni / Scholarships / Homecoming

East Central honors 5K walk winners

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Taking top honors in the overall female and male divisions in East Central Community College's annual 5K Walk included (seated from left) Casey Myatt of Lake, Tena Landrum of Laurel, Dena Vickers of Chunky and (standing from left) Larry Robinson (overall winner) of Forest and Gene Davis of Decatur/Louisville. The 5K Walk and 5K Run are included in the College's homecoming activities, which were held October 3 on the Decatur campus.

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Buildings / Programs

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ECCC auditorium dedicated to honor Thrash

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DECATUR – A longtime faculty member at East Central Community College has been recognized with the dedication of an auditorium in his honor.

Newton Hall, Room 60 is now officially known as Thomas W. Thrash Auditorium, honoring the late educator for his 40 years of service at ECCC. The College's Board of Trustees approved the name change at its September 2009 meeting.

"It is most appropriate that we name the auditorium in memory of Mr. Thrash," said ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

"He was an outstanding instructor who lived and breathed East Central Community College, as evidenced by his long and successful career. He also taught many classes in the same auditorium that will now bear his name."

Thrash, who died on Sept. 6, 2002, served as chairman of the Social Science, Education and Business Division in addition to teaching social science classes.

He received numerous awards throughout his career, which began and ended at ECCC.

He was selected Academic Instructor of the Year in 1987 and received an award for teaching excellence at the annual NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) Conference in 1989 at the University of Texas in Austin. In 1992, he was selected to participate in the annual Lamplighter Program, which recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. He also participated in the Mississippi Community College Fellowship Program at Mississippi State University in 1998.

In addition, Thrash was recognized as the College's Humanities Teacher of the Year in 1999, an annual program sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council in celebration of Arts and Humanities Month. During his lecture, Thrash spoke on "The Impact of Rev. N.C. Clarke on Newton County, Miss." The Rev. Clarke, a great, great grandfather of Thrash, was the founder and first pastor of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur. Clarke Memorial College in Newton was later named in his honor.

Thomas W. Thrash

Thrash also served as campus coordinator for the Smithsonian exhibit, "Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-45," a collection of wartime posters provided by the Institution's Traveling Exhibition Services. The exhibit made its Mississippi debut at East Central in September 2001.

He was a member of Decatur United Methodist Church, the National Council of Instructional Administrators, Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges, ECCC Alumni Association and Gamma Nu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta at Mississippi State University.

Thrash was awarded lifetime membership in the Mississippi Jaycees and the Jaycee International Senate. He was presented numerous Distinguished Service awards during his tenure as Area Vice President of the Mississippi Jaycees.

He served in the Mississippi National Guard and was a member of the Decatur Country Club Board of Directors for more than 30 years.

Thrash was a graduate of Newton High School, ECJC and Mississippi State University, where he received bachelor and master's degrees. He completed additional studies at MSU and the University of Southern Mississippi.

He began his teaching career in 1962 at East Central.

Thrash was married to the former Jeanette Beevers and they had two daughters, Mev and Melissa. Mev and her husband, Robbie Knight, have two children, Kelsi and Logan, and they reside in Meridian. Melissa is married to Robert Carleton and they have one child, Hob, and reside in Union.

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ECCC 'LAMPLIGHTERS'

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Representing East Central Community College at the annual Lamplighter Conference were (seated) Danny Gressett of Decatur, machine shop technology instructor; and (standing from left) LeAnn Shirley of Meridian, surgical technology director/instructor; and Ann Durham of Forest, English instructor. The annual conference recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors.

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College Visitors/Events/News

WEEK OF 1-18-2010

Berry to speak at ECCC banquet

East Central Community College will once again usher in a new baseball season by holding its annual First-Pitch Dinner scheduled Friday, Feb. 5, on the Decatur campus. Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Scott Berry, first-year head baseball coach at the University of Southern Mississippi, will serve as guest speaker. Berry succeeds his former boss and longtime head coach Corky Palmer, who retired after successfully leading the Golden Eagle program for 12 years.

Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children 12 and under. For more information, contact Coach Neal Holliman at 601-635-6374.

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Impending blindness doesn't

By Cheryl Owens
Appeal Staff Writer

The eyes are the window to the soul.

This saying may have a truer meaning to those who are fortunate enough know Vicki Blaylock of Newton.

Blaylock has 'kerata conus', a disease affecting the cornea of the eye.

"I was first diagnosed in 1982 when I was at Delta State," Blaylock told the Newton Lion's Club last week.

"My disease attacks the cornea of the eye making it go into a cone shape, like the end of a football."

She went to five doctors that year before being finding one who could help her.

One said he's never seen a situation as bad as hers.

"I couldn't spell the disease, much less know what he was talking about," she says.

"It was defined to me as a steep curving of the cornea which is the window of the eye, the thin part over the front part of your eye," she says.

Blaylock said that twenty years ago, the cause of the disease was not known, but now, doctors believe it may be genetic.

"We have traced mine on my mother's side to other people, one older, one younger," Blaylock says.

"I'm the one that had the most problems, eye rubbing, allergies and environment...increased light sensitivity, which I suffer from now."

Blaylock remembers having trouble driving at night when she was in her last year in college.

"I knew the town like the back of my hand, but couldn't see the road well enough to turn in so I would slam on my brakes," she says. "My dad asked me, 'why do I have to keep having to buy brake shoes for this car'? Well, I was slamming on the brakes, I was petrified."

After she was diagnosed, the intense pain kicked in almost immediately, she says.

The cornea was coning and there was tremendous pain, keeping her from getting out in the light.

"During this time I got married, four years later I became pregnant and went into a hormonal shift that caused my right eye to rupture," she recalls.

A Phone Call

I never give up

Vickie Blaylok

That December, she had to have surgery. She remembers getting a phone call from her doctor, saying that he had some good news and bad news..

"I told him to tell me the bad first," says Vicki.

"He said, 'we are not doing your transplant in the morning- we are postponing it for a week," she says of the call.

"The good news is the tissues of the cornea they flew in from Texas tested positive three times for AIDS and we are not going to put it in your eye. That was 1986."

Since then, she has had two transplants and uses steroid drops to keep her from rejecting the transplants.

The steroids have also caused her to have cataracts and glaucoma.

"I had cataract surgery in 1996, and in 1997 both of my cornea transplants buckled, causing a wrinkle," she says.

"In 1999, as I was singing in church, I got ready to finish and I turned to walk and only saw white spots. It would come and go, but in one eye it stayed," she says.

"I thought to myself , *'well this is it.'* I knew it was coming and I am going blind, and the best place to go blind, I guess, was in church. That was when I found out I had glaucoma."

Eyeing the Future

In 2000, Vicki started teaching voice and music theory at ECCC, where she serves as the choral and vocal music director.

"I was having trouble seeing the back of the classroom and was seeing blurry," she says. said. "I went to see the doctor and told him he had to fix this. He said 'I told you you probably wouldn't teach but about 10 or 15 years, so be thankful and go home.'

"I got so mad," she recalls. "I told him, 'I don't give up- I never have and never will.' I walked out of there determined to find help somewhere."

Blaylock now wears piggybacks, a type of multifocal lens .

"I literally have miracle eye sight," Blaylock said. "The heartbreak of the disease is I may pass it down.

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Vicki Blaylock

Hopefully that will not happen to my two children" (Clanton, 22 and Anna-Rose, 18.)

Now in her twenty-seventh year in the classroom, Blaylock says she never expected to teach this long.

"God has been good to me and my doctors say they have fixed me with duct tape and bailing wire," she says with determination.

"I know one day I won't be able to do my favorite things, like reading music and books and playing the piano. I know the day is coming but I am not going down and won't go down easy."

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Gatlin Joins ECCC Practical Nursing Faculty

Alicia A. Gatlin of Morton is a recent addition to the Practical Nursing faculty at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Gatlin served as director of emergency services, assistant director of nursing services and director of patient registration at Scott Regional Hospital in Morton. She has also held nursing assistant and technician positions in various healthcare facilities.

A graduate of Morton High School, Gatlin received an associate's degree in nursing from ECCC in 2006 and earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2008. She also holds an associate's degree in computer science from ECCC. In addition, she has attended Hinds Community College and Mississippi State University, where her focus was on Internet security, computer graphics and web design.

Gatlin currently serves as vice president of the District 15 Mississippi Nurses' Association and is a member of various other nursing organizations.

She has two children, Cody, six; and Caley, three.

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Two named ECCC HEADWAE Honorees

Kate Keenan Covich

Jordan Gunn

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Speech instructor Kate Keenan Covich of Rose Hill and sophomore pre-medicine major Jordan Gunn of Forest were recently selected to represent East Central Community College in Decatur at the 23rd Annual HEADWAE program scheduled Feb. 24 in Jackson.

The HEADWAE (Higher Education Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) program is sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature, supported by the corporate community and is coordinated by the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities. The lieutenant governor serves as chair of HEADWAE, which each year honors outstanding faculty members and students from each participating member institution of the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities.

Activities for the special day include special recognition of the honorees at the State Capitol followed by an awards luncheon at the Jackson Convention Center in downtown Jackson. In addition, a booklet will be published featuring photographs and biographical sketches of each award recipient.

In addition to her teaching duties, Covich is serving her second year as co-adviser for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

She also serves as vice president of the ECCC Administration, Faculty and Staff Association. In addition, she was one of two ECCC faculty members selected to participate in the inaugural class of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy for 2009-10.

Covich joined the ECCC faculty in 2007 after previously serving as an adjunct instructor for ECCC and Meridian Community College. She formerly worked in public relations for the Mitchell Companies in Meridian and earlier served as a producer and researcher for the Center for Public Television in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

A Bay Springs native, Covich is a 2001 honors graduate of Heidelberg Academy, where she participated in basketball and was a member of the show choir, girls' sextet and honor society.

She was chosen Jasper County Junior Miss in 2001.

She continued her education at Mississippi State University and received a bachelor's degree in communication with an emphasis in broadcasting and public relations in 2005. While attending MSU, Covich was a member of the Diamond Girls, Kappa Delta sorority, Public Relations Association of Mississippi (PRAM) and Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA). She received a master's degree in telecommunication and film from the University of Alabama in 2006.

She is currently working on a doctorate in speech communication at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Covich serves as a volunteer for the Mississippi Hugh O'Brian Leadership program and is a member of the Mississippi Communication Association and Meridian Young Professionals.

She is married to Sean Covich, sports information director and men's golf coach at Meridian Community College. They are active members of First Christian Church of Meridian, where Kate also sings in the choir.

She is the daughter of John and Sandy Keenan of Rose Hill.

Gunn has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average while serving leadership roles in various college activities.

He is president of the concert choir and residence hall advisers and co-president of the Warrior Corps, a select group of students that assists in recruiting and other campus activities.

He also serves as vice president of fellowship for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.In addition, he is an active member of the Baptist Student Union, serving as council member and Bible study leader. He is also a former member of the Praise Band.

Gunn was presented the Aaron R. Davis Memorial Scholarship and the General Patrick Wilson Memorial Scholarship during the College's Awards Day activities in 2009. He was recently named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges" and selected a sophomore class favorite.

Gunn is a 2008 honors graduate of Lake High School, where he was class valedictorian and recipient of numerous academic awards. He was also a four-year lettermen and award-winner in baseball and held leadership roles in various clubs and organizations. In addition, he was named to The National Society of High School Scholars, National Technical Honor Society and "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Gunn also excelled as a student at the Forest-Scott County Career and Technology Center. He won honors in HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) competition, including a fourth-place award in medical terminology at the state contest. He was also named Allied Health I Outstanding Student in 2007 and Allied Health II Outstanding Student in 2008.

He received several scholarships to attend ECCC, including the Presidential Scholarship, Valedictorian Scholarship, Concert Choir Scholarship, ACT Scholarship and Bank of Forest Scholarship.

Gunn's parents are David and Elizabeth Gunn of Forest.

WEEK OF 2-1-2010

ECCC Hosts Annual District Skills USA Competition

Approximately 450. students representing career, technical and technology centers from Laurel to Starkville are scheduled to compete in various leadership and skill events when the annual District III SkillsUSA contest is held Friday, February 5, 2010, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Wayne Eason, dean of career-technical education at ECCC, said East Central looks forward to hosting the event each year.

"Hosting the District 3 SkillsUSA competition is always a highlight for us. We look forward to having these very talented students on campus and hope that many will continue their career and technical educations with us," Eason said.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center. Competition starts at 10 a.m. in the Tucker building and at various other locations on campus.

Categories include Architectural Drafting, Automotive Service Technology, Cabinetmaking, Carpentry, Chapter Business Procedure, Extemporaneous Speaking, Job Interview, Job Skills Demonstration A, Masonry, Opening and Closing Ceremony, Machining Technology, Prepared Speech, Quiz Bowl, Related Technical Math, Residential Wiring, Sheet Metal, Technical Drafting and Welding.

Winners in each category will be announced at the awards ceremony beginning at 2:30 p.m. in Huff Auditorium. The top three finishers qualify for state competition scheduled in April at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston.

District III schools include A. P. Fatheree in Jones County, Choctaw County Career-Technical Center, Forest/Scott County Career-Technology Center, Laurel High School, Leake County Vocational-Technical Center, McKellar Technology Center, Noxubee County Vocational Center, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, Smith County Vocational-Technical Center, Wayne County Vocational-Technical Center, West Point Career and Technical Center, Winston/Louisville Vocational-Technical Center, Clarke County Career and Technical Center, Covington County Vocational and Technical Center, Millsaps Career Center in Starkville, Ross Collins Career and Technical Center in Meridian and West Lowndes High School.

For more information, contact Wayne Eason, dean of career-technical education, ECCC, Phone 601-635-6211 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 211. The e-mail address is weason@eccc.edu.

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Nelson Retires at ECCC...Dewey Nelson (center) of Lawrence was recently honored with a reception on his retirement from East Central Community College in Decatur. Nelson, a plumber/carpenter, served 13 years as a member of the College's maintenance department. Shown with the retiree are Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left), ECCC president; and Artie Foreman, physical plant director, who also presented the retiree with a cash gift. (EC Photo)

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Board / Officials

WEEK OF 2-3-2010

ECCC Foundation board members

Recently welcomed as new members of the Board of Directors of the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc., are Aubry Cox (center) of Carthage, owner of Cox and Associates Insurance Agency, and David Boydstun (fourth from left) of Louisville, vice president and lending officer at Renasant Bank. Cox, a member of the ECCC Class of 1981, is also a graduate of Leake Academy and Delta State University. He is married to the former Renee Covington and they have two sons, Brandon and Jared. Boydstun, a 1984 ECCC class member, is also a graduate of Winston Academy and Mississippi State University, where he received bachelor and master's degrees in accounting. He is married to the former Teresa Suttle and they have two boys, D.K. and Jesse. Shown with the new Board members are (from left), Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president; George Taylor (Board chairman) of Forest, vice chairman, Community Banshares of Mississippi, Inc.; and (far right), Stacey Hollingsworth, ECCC director of foundation and alumni relations.

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ECCC Trustees

Serving on the East Central Community College Board of Trustees are (first row, from left) Vernon Crotwell, Morton; Van Lucas, Newton; Royce Shaw (secretary), Forest; Prentice Copeland (chairman), Philadelphia; Jerry Nance, Louisville; Ricky Goldman, Philadelphia; Annie Stowers, Forest; and Lois Cooper, Decatur; (second row, from left) William E. Kitchings, Carthage; Rebecca Farris, Morton; Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth, Lake; Pat Cleveland, Conehatta; Jack Winstead (vice chairman), Lawrence; Monte Ladner, Leake County Superintendent of Education; Jerry W. Smith, Philadelphia; and Patsy Clark, Louisville; and (top row, from left) Edsel Cliburn, Union; Frank McCurdy, Scott County Superintendent of Education; David Byars, Philadelphia; W. B. Jones, Walnut Grove; Leo Parker, Noxapater; Alan D. Rhea, Carthage; George Shaw, Neshoba County Superintendent of Education; and Pat Ross, Newton County Superintendent of Education. Also serving on the Board but not pictured are Janie Wilbanks and Dr. Kimsey O. Cooper, both of Carthage; Beverly Hart, Union; Randal Livingston and Delane Hudson, both of Louisville; and Dr. William C. Wade, Superintendent, Louisville Municipal School District.

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ECCC Foundation

ECCC Foundation Board Members

Serving on the Board of Directors of the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc., are (seated from left) Gilbert Thompson (Board vice chairman) of Choctaw, director of community development, planning and real estates, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; Patsy Dunigan Clark of Louisville, retired legal assistant, Fair and Mayo Attorneys; George Taylor (Board chairman) of Forest, vice chairman, Community Bancshares of Mississippi, Inc.; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith of Decatur, ECCC president emeritus; and (standing from left) Stacey Hollingsworth, ECCC director of development and alumni relations; Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president and ex-officio member; Aubry Cox of Carthage, owner of Cox and Associates Insurance Agency; Norman Gillis of Decatur, accountant, ECCC business office; and David Boydstun of Louisville, vice president and loan officer at Renasant Bank.

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ECCC Board of Trustees Officers

Recently re-elected to two-year terms as officers of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees are (from left) Prentice Copeland, chairman, of Philadelphia; Jack Winstead, vice chairman, of Lawrence; and Royce Shaw, secretary, of Forest, who are shown with ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. Copeland begins his eighth term as chairman and Winstead is in his fifth term. Shaw begins his fourth term as secretary. The elections were held at the February 2010 meeting on the Decatur campus. East Central serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. (EC Photo)

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Special guest

Winston County officials recently visited the East Central Community College campus in Decatur and were luncheon guests at the February meeting of the College's Board of Trustees. Seated from left are Luke Parkes, District Two Supervisor; Kim Ming, Circuit Clerk; Larry Durant, District Five Supervisor; Pam Reel, Chancery Clerk; Jerry Estes, District One Supervisor; and Lamar Turnipseed, District Four Supervisor. Also shown are trustees from Winston County, who include (standing from left) Jerry Nance, Patsy Clark and Randal Livingston, all of Louisville; Leo Parker of Noxapater; and William C. Wade, Superintendent, Louisville Municipal School District. Appreciation was extended to the county officials for their support of the College. (EC Photo)

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Donates car to ECCC

East Central Community College in Decatur received a much-needed addition to its relatively new police department thanks to a recent donation by the Department of Public Safety for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Wendell Willis, left,, captain of patrol operations, presents keys to a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car to Jonathan Peeples, center, ECCC police chief, while Ken Butler, public safety department director, looks on. Chief Peeples said the College "very much appreciates the patrol car and other equipment donated by Choctaw Law Enforcement. The car and other items will help us tremendously as we continue efforts in establishing a first-class police department at East Central Community College." (EC Photo)

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House leader pledges help for community

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The chairman of the House Universities and Colleges Committee pledged to supporters of the 15 community and junior colleges Thursday, Feb. 18, that state representatives will do what they can to make progress toward mid-level funding in the face of three FY 2010 state budget cuts on top of system-wide record enrollment increases this year.

Rep. Kelvin Buck, D-Holly Springs, told the crowd of approximately 200 community college students and faculty gathered in the Capitol rotunda that House members understand the two-year colleges need funding to provide services when they have double digit enrollment increases in the fall and spring.

"Anybody who knows anything about government now knows that if there are priorities on the table we can find the funds to do what we need to do. … We're committed in the House of Representatives to the importance of mid-level funding," he said.

In 2007, lawmakers and Gov. Haley Barbour committed to mid-level funding through Senate Bill 2364, a historic measure endorsing per-student funding for community colleges that is midway between per-student funding for K-12 students and regional public university students. The colleges are asking for $64.7 million for mid-level funding in FY 2011.

"All of our colleges are experiencing record enrollment. The demand is there. We see more than just numbers when it comes to talking about a budget, when it comes to talking about education," Buck said. "We see people. We see families. We see families that are having to pay more for tuition, families that are having to dig deeper in their pockets."

But neither Barbour nor Lt. Gov. Phil Bryant gave any hope to college supporters of increased funding this year.

The state officials were speaking Thursday at a news conference called by the 3,000-member Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges to spotlight the record-breaking enrollment in the face of three budget cuts already this year.

Enrollments at the 15 community college soared in the fall. Preliminary figures for fall 2009 show enrollment was up nearly 10,000 students system wide from fall 2009, an increase of 13 percent. Eleven of the 15 colleges had increases of more than 10 percent with the largest increase nearly 20 percent.

That trend continued this spring with credit enrollment up 16 percent over last spring, said Dr. Eric Clark, executive director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

"Community colleges are the institutions primarily responsible for getting folks off welfare, and out of minimum wage jobs and letting them make a good living for their families and pay more taxes to their state and local governments," Clark said. "If you look at the numbers over the past decade, community colleges have been underfunded compared to other parts of our government and other parts of our educational system.

That situation has become much more severe in the past 12 months because of our booming enrollment..

Willis Lott, president of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and chair of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges commended the community college faculty for persevering through repeated budget cuts and chronic underfunding.

"Our faculty are where the rubber hits the road in the classrooms and they're the ones making the positive difference in the 85,000 lives of the students enrolled today," he said. "We are being asked to do more with less. We have 25 percent more people enrolled today than we had two years ago. We are doing more with less because we have less per student. We're getting less for a full-time student today than we were in the year 2000. That is not responsible support from anybody."

Mack-Arthur Turner Jr. of Tupelo, a sophomore at Itawamba Community College, shared his personal story of dropping out of school twice but finally receiving his GED high school equivalency certificate and enrolling in a free class at ICC. "I know the impact community colleges have on all our lives," he said. "This is my story, but it is a story that many people can identify with."

One of those is LaTrisha Miller of Raymond, a health information technology student at Hinds Community College's Jackson Campus-Nursing/Allied Health Center.

"Being a single mother, and

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college funding

Representing East Central Community College in Decatur at the annual Capitol Day activities held Feb. 18, 2010, in Jackson were (front, from left) sophomore Abby McMillan of Newton and freshman Monica Vincent of Decatur; (second row, from left) sophomores Kurt Simoneau of Louin, Quin Stokes of Carthage and Zach Gibbs of Forest; and (back row, from left) faculty members Marc McCool of Louisville, Kate Covich of Rose Hill and Christy Ferguson of Philadelphia; and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, who were joined in the photo by State Rep. Russ Nowell of Louisville. Sponsored by the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges, Capitol Day is held to bring attention to the funding needs of the state's community and junior colleges and to promote the colleges' ongoing Mississippi Values message.

the age of 37, if it had not been for Hinds I would not have been able to come back to college," she said. For her, the hard work is paying off. She'll be recognized this spring as one of the college's 3-E (emphasis on excellence and enrichment) winners.

As Mississippi's largest community college, Hinds Community College is a comprehensive institution offering quality, affordable educational opportunities with more than 170 academic, career and technical programs. With six locations in central Mississippi, Hinds is on track to serve more than 30,000 credit and noncredit students in the 2009-10 academic year. To learn more, visit www.hindscc.edu.

WEEK OF 3-1-2010

Workshop attendees

Winston Educators Attend ECCC Counselor Workshop

These area educators recently attended the annual High School Counselors' Workshop at East Central Community College in Decatur, where they were provided information on academic transfer, career-technical and healthcare programs, ACT testing, financial aid, scholarships, housing and admissions. Winston County counselors included (from left) Beverly Ballard, Winston Academy; Cindy Stewart, Louisville/Winston Vocational Complex; and Tessia Carter, Noxapater High School. Also pictured is Lanette Hanna, ECCC academic counselor/recruiter. (EC Photo)

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East Central CC celebrates Black History Month

FROM STAFF REPORTS

DECATUR — East Central Community College held its annual Black History Month program on February 24 in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium. The featured speaker, Mayor Juan Barnett, who is the first African American elected to serve as mayor of Heidelburg, spoke about the history of black economic empowerment. Barnett is in his third term as mayor.

Barnett is a Gulf War veteran and a 1988 graduate of Livingston University.

Former ECCC Assistant Coach for Men's Basketball Brandon D. Cornelius served as the master of ceremonies.

Cornelius, who is the head girls' basketball coach at Rowan Middle School in Jackson, also serves as senior associate pastor of the City of Destiny Church in Jackson.

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Mayor Juan Barnett, who is the first African American elected to serve as mayor of Heidelburg, spoke about the history of black economic empowerment at ECCC.

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Leake Educators

Leake County educators recently attending the annual High School Counselors' Workshop at East Central Community College in Decatur, were, from left, Pamela Peoples, Leake County Career-Technical Center; and Deborah Hayes, Carthage High School. Also pictures is Ramonica Evans, ECCC Tech Prep Career Center Director/recruiter.

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ECCC workshop

Winston Medical Center participates in Customer Service Workshop

The staff of the Winston Medical Center of Louisville participated in a customer service workshop titled "Give'Em the Pickle" that covers the importance of service, attitude, consistency, and teamwork. This workshop was made possible through a partnership between the ECCC Workforce Development Center, the ECCC Small Business Development Center, and the West Alabama East Mississippi WIRED Initiative. Shelley Thomas, ECCC Advanced Skills Trainer, (standing) is serving as the facilitator of the workshop and is available at the ECCC Career Advancement Center, located in the old Spartus facility, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information on this workshop or other classes and services being offered at the facility, contact Thomas, Phone 662-536-1150 or Joseph Knight, ECCC Workforce Development Coordinator, Phone 601-389-0832. Their email address is sthomas@eccc.edu or jknight@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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East Central Community College's Athletic Department received a financial boost from the Decatur Lions Club following a presentation held recently on the Decatur campus. Club member Bobby Addy (left) is shown presenting a check for $500 to Athletic Director Chris Harris, who said the donation will be used to help pay expenses for College teams advancing to post-season competition. At right is Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations, whose office also coordinates fundraising for the Warrior Club, a support group for ECCC athletics. (EC Photo)

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ECCC donation

Wood Makes Donation to ECCC Golf Team

James T. "Jim" Wood of Louisville is shown with a small portion of the 25 dozen golf balls he recently donated to the East Central Community College Warrior Golf Team. He was on the Decatur campus recently to make the donation, which he has done annually since 1995. In the 15 years, he has donated a total of 4,500 golf balls. Wood is a graduate of East Central, where he played on the 1946 and 1947 football squads. He was also a member of the track team and served as an athletic trainer in 1948. In 1995, he was inducted as a member of the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. (EC Photo)

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ECCC PHOTO

SCOTT EDUCATORS ATTEND ECCC COUNSELOR WORKSHOP

These area educators recently attended the annual High School Counselors Workshop at East Central Community College in Decatur, where they were provided information on academic transfer, career-technical and healthcare programs, ACT testing, financial aid, scholarships, housing and admissions. Scott County counselors included (seated, from left) Kery Kenna, Forest High School; Misty Wells, Betty Mae Jack Middle School; and Shellie Pennypacker, Morton High School; and (back row, from left) Kim Shoemaker, Scott Central High School; Dawn McKee, Sebastopol High School; and Karen Moorehead, Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center. Also pictured is Marcie Pinson, ECCC Recruiter/Director of Housing/Student Activities.

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Neshoba educators attend EC counselor workshop

These area educators recently attended the annual High School Counselors' Workshop at East Central Community College in Decatur, where they were provided information on academic transfer, career-technical and healthcare programs, ACT testing, financial aid, scholarships, housing and admissions. Neshoba County counselors included, from left, Sandy Wedgeworth, Philadephia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center; Dusty Croswell, Philadelphia Middle School; and Emily Gibson, Neshoba Central High School. Also pictured is Christi Gregory, ECCC Career-Technical Counselor/recruiter. (EC Photo)

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Winston County vital

From press reports

Winston County continues to play a major role in the success of East Central Community College in Decatur, where a record enrollment was reported for the fall 2009 term.

The record enrollment - 2,841 students - along with the College's first tuition increase in several years, have helped to offset state budget cuts totaling in excess of $800,000 for the current fiscal year. A conservative approach to business operations has also played a major role in maintaining the College's financial stability.

"We had anticipated budget cuts due to the decreased revenue in the state coffers," said ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, "and knew that to offset the cuts, we needed additional revenue. We certainly did not want to raise tuition but had no choice."

In addition to increasing tuition and raising some fees, Dr. Sutphin said the College has implemented various cost-cutting measures to its $19 million-plus budget.

"We have done just about all we can do to cut costs, including limiting travel and purchases, etc." said Dr. Sutphin. "But with the increased enrollment, we have more students to serve, which makes it a challenge to provide the quality education and services they deserve. It's the same old song for us and the other community and junior colleges, and that is to continue to do more with less."

$575 and the board fee is $765. Total cost to attend ECCC per semester (without financial assistance) is $2,210 for a five-day meal plan and $2,365 for students on the seven-day meal plan.

Although tuition and additional costs to attend EC have increased, numerous financial aid opportunities continue to be available for students of all ages.

In addition to athletic, band, ACT and other academic awards, various scholarships are provided by alumni, businesses and industries at the annual AT&T Scholarship Luncheon held each summer.

The unique event recognizes donors and recipients of the various scholarships, which in 2009 resulted in 93 scholarships being presented totaling approximately $70,000, according to event coordinator Stacey Hollingsworth who serves as executive director for foundation and alumni relations.

"Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and other supporters, attending college became less expensive for approximately 120 students who received the various awards," she said. "And I know the scholarship recipients are also very appreciative of the financial support received to continue their education."

Serving students by providing the best education possible continues to be the College's mission.

thanks to an articulation agreement between the state's community and junior colleges and four-year colleges and universities, those courses are guaranteed to transfer to the respective institutions.

To further assist students in Winston County, numerous academic coursework is offered at the Winston County/Louisville Career-Technical Complex as part of the College's evening class schedule and summer program.

East Central continues to offer several healthcare programs, including associate degree nursing, practical nursing, EMT-Paramedic Technology and surgical technology.

The College recently began a Dual Enrollment Practical Nursing Program for district high school seniors and graduated the first class in December 2009.

Students who qualify for the four-semester program attend afternoon classes "free of charge" Monday through Thursday on the Decatur campus. Funding for the unique program is provided by a grant from the Mississippi Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

Dr. Betsy Mann, dean of healthcare education, said the Dual Enrollment Program is designed to allow high school seniors "a fast track approach" to the nursing field.

offer a wide variety of career-technical programs, including automotive technology, business and office technology, carpentry and cabinetmaking, early childhood education, collision repair, drafting and design, electrical technology, electronics, culinary arts, machine shop and welding and cutting. Culinary arts technology is now a two-year program and has moved to the Decatur campus from the Choctaw Hospitality Institute along with the hotel and restaurant management program.

And for those students needing a "second chance," at education, East Central continues to provide its ABE (Adult Basic Education) and GED (General Educational) Program, offered through the Office of Adult and Continuing Education. Gene Davis of Louisville is the longtime dean of the program.

Classes are offered throughout the five-county district. In Winston County, classes are offered at Louisville United Methodist Church and Taylor Machine Works.

Each summer the College recognizes graduates of the program by holding Commencement exercises for stu-

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Dr. Sutphin said he does not anticipate layoffs or cutting salaries, but indicated some positions when vacated due to retirement or other reasons, may go unfilled.

"The last thing we want to do is cut jobs," said Dr. Sutphin, "and I don't anticipate that happening. Where possible, there may be a 'doubling up' of responsibilities in some areas to make sure we are providing services needed to complete our mission, which is to serve students."

East Central's record enrollment included 289 students from Winston County. A record number of students - approximately 1,420 - also registered for online courses at ECCC through the Mississippi Virtual Community College.

Tuition was raised to $800 per semester, an increase of $100. The cost per academic hour for part-time students increased to $85. Also implemented were a technology fee of $30 and registration fee of $40, per semester. Proceeds from the registration fee will help provide additional funding for student activities and pay for students to receive the College yearbook, the Wo-He-Lo. Additional fees may also apply for various programs, including healthcare and other areas.

Fees for room and board were also increased. The room fee per semester is now

"We beam with pride each year when we receive reports from the four-year colleges and universities indicating the success of our graduates," said Dr. Sutphin. "And according to the data, East Central students who continue their education at the other institutions, perform as well as or better than native students and students representing the other 14 community and junior colleges."

In the area of academics, EC offers more than 160 academic programs of study; and

"East Central Community College is proud to be participating in this opportunity for our five-county district," Dr. Mann said. "We are supporting this program for more opportunities for students to be ready for the workforce at a younger age and to help with the high school dropout rates. This program will also give high school students an advantage to enter into the workforce and then bridge into our Associate Degree Nursing Program."

The College continues to

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to ECCC success

Above is an artist rendering of the Aaron R. Davis Science Building, expected to be completed in 2011. A groundbreaking ceremony for the $4.1 million facility was held last fall. The two-story structure will include state-of-the-art laboratory facilities and is named in memory of Ron Davis, longtime biology instructor and division chairman who lost his battle with cancer in April 2006.

dents receiving their high school equivalency diplomas.

In 2009, approximately 350 students - from age 17 to almost 60 - earned their GED diplomas and 75 of the graduates participated in the graduation ceremony.

Four of the graduates provided testimonies during the special program held in a packed Huff Auditorium. One of the speakers was Nitoka Hughes of Louisville, who dropped out of school when she was a 17-year-old tenth grader.

During her remarks, Hughes, 28, said, "The key is to never give up on your hopes and dreams. I challenge anyone who is in school to stay in school and not drop out. If you have dropped out of school, find a GED class, work hard and do not give up until you earn your diploma! If I can do it, you can, too. It's up to us to grab hold of those opportunities...the sky's the limit! Remember to always believe in yourself!"

To assist the College in locating high school dropouts and convincing them to strive for the GED diploma, East Central is participating in Mississippi's Dropout Recovery efforts, an initiative supported and funded by the Mississippi Legislature.

Jimmy Dempsey, a retired educator and Louisville native, was selected in 2009 on a part-time basis to help recruit high school dropouts for the GED program.

"I love helping people get

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their GED...it's a passion," said Dempsey who began giving the GED on July 1, 1990 and continued though June 30, 2006, when he retired after 35 years in education, most recently as career-technical counselor at ECCC.

East Central also provides assistance to businesses and industries in Winston County through the College's Workforce Development Center. The Center's mission is "to support businesses, industries, individuals and communities with assessment, training, job placement, consultation and instructional services designed to improve the capabilities of the citizens in the five-county district."

In Winston County, "customized" services were recently provided at the ECCC Career Advancement Center, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Louisville-Winston County Career-Technical Center, Polo Custom Products, The Taylor Group, Inc., and Winston-Choctaw County Correctional Facility.

In the area of athletics, East Central offers 10 intercollegiate sports, including football, women and men's basketball, women and men's soccer, baseball, fast-pitch softball, women's and men's tennis and golf.

With the decrease in state revenues, efforts are continuing to provide financial assistance to the College's sports teams through donations to the Warrior Club.

In a letter sent to alumni and other supporters earlier this year, Warrior Club president Brenda Chaney of Little Rock stressed the need for attendance at athletic events and continued financial assistance.

"Even though we have made much progress, we still need other improvements in our facilities and additional athletic materials and supplies," Chaney stated. "We thank you for the difference you have made in the athletic facilities and equipment available to our athletes, and we want to engage you in the future of the College."

In addition to athletics, EC offers for opportunities for students interested in student government, academic organizations, music and special interest groups, religious organizations, intramural activities and cheer squads.

East Central is also dedicated to providing the very best in housing facilities for all students on the Decatur campus. The College offers two residence halls for female students and five residence hall for male students. The most recent dormitory "enhancement" is the addition of cable TV and wireless Internet services for all rooms provided at no additional charge.

East Central has also broken ground for a new science building, to be named in memory of longtime biology instructor Ron Davis, who lost his battle to cancer in April 2006.

Davis

Sutphin

State-of-the-art laboratories for science students will be included in the $4.1 million, two-story facility to be located next to Cross Hall, where science classes will continue to be offered. Cross Hall will also undergo renovation following completion of the Aaron R. Davis Science Building. State bond funds accumulated overall several years provided financial resources for both projects.

In looking toward activities planned for this summer, a highlight each year is ECCC Warrior Golf Classic, a fundraising effort providing scholarships for district students.

Sponsored by the ECCC Alumni Association, the ninth annual event is being held Thursday, June 3, 2010, at Louisville Country Club.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $340 per team. Corporate sponsorships are also available at various levels.

For more information, contact Stacey Hollingsworth in the ECCC Alumni Office, 601-635-6327 or e-mail sholling@eccc.edu.

East Central Community College is most appreciative of the support it continues to receive from Winston County and strives to provide the county's citizens with a quality education at an affordable price and services needed for success.

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Taylor at ECCC Expo

Tracey Verry (right), human resources specialist with The Taylor Group in Louisville, was one of more than 35 business, industry and educational representatives to attend the ninth annual Business, Education and Healthcare Expo hosted by East Central Community College in Decatur. She is shown providing information about the Taylor Group to ECCC students (from left) Heather Page and Kaylin Jones, both of Louisville; and Kimberly Amerson of Decatur. Approximately 280 students attended the event, which was held March 11 in the Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo) www.eccc.edu

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East Central offers dual nursing program

Qualifying seniors can now take the fast track to a career in nursing by enrolling in East Central Community College's Dual Enrollment Practical Nursing Program.

The Dual Enrollment Nursing Program is funded by a grant from the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and allows students to attend classes free of charge while in high school. The only cost for students is transportation to the Decatur campus, where the classes are held in the Association Degree Nursing/Childcare Technology Building.

"Successful students would be able to complete the program by the end of the fall semester of their freshman year in college," said Dr. Betsy Mann, ECCC Dean of Healthcare Education.

To apply for the Dual Enrollment Program, students must complete an application for admission to ECCC and the Application for Healthcare Education. They must also submit an official high school transcript, transcripts for any college work completed, and an ACT score.

Students who have not taken the ACT should contact ECCC academic counselor Michael Alexander at 601-635-6231 to make an appointment to do so.

In addition, each applicant must arrange for an official letter to be sent from their high school counselor verifying: completion of at least 14 core high school units or a 30 or above composite score on the ACT and a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale for recommendation of their high school principal or guidance counselor.

The official letter should address each item listed above, as well as whether the student has completed Allied Health I or II, although neither course is a pre-requisite.

Those selected must also submit to a health evaluation and a criminal background check, as required by Mississippi State Law.

For more information, telephone Dr. Mann at 601-635-6294. The e-mail address is bmann@eccc.edu.

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Provides information during EC expo

Frankie Johnson, second from left, Central Mississippi Residential Center Director of Public Relations, provides career information to East Central Community College students, from left, Yulon Stewart and Shana Jackson, both of Philadelphia; and Gretchen Russell of New Orleans, La., during the ninth annual Business, Education and Healthcare Expo hosted by the College. More than 35 business, industry and educational representatives and approximately 280 students attended the event, which was held March 11 in the Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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LONGMIRE PROVIDES CAREER INFORMATION DURING ECCC EXPO

Charles Longmire (left), engineering manager at Raytheon, Inc., in Forest, discusses career opportunities with (from left) Anthony Brown and Will Land, both of Philadelphia; and Jeremy Saucier and Carrie Alexander, both of Decatur, during the ninth annual Business, Education and Healthcare Expo hosted by East Central Community College in Decatur. Approximately 35 business, industry and educational representatives and 280 students attended the event, which was held March 11 in the Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium on the Decatur campus.

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JUCO SPORTS HALL

Chancellor to represent Warriors in Hall of Fame

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DECATUR — When veteran women's basketball coach Van Chancellor was inducted into the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998, he made the following remarks about his successful career: "I believe this about coaching: make sure the bus is loaded with good players on it and you can be a good coach." He added: "I'm really lucky to reap the benefits of a lot of hard work by so many people."

Chancellor

Chancellor has obviously attracted numerous busloads of talent throughout his 30-plus years of coaching on the hardwood, as evidenced by the 500-plus victories and championships achieved on the high school, college, professional and international levels.

In recognition of his success, Chancellor and representatives of the state's other two-year colleges will be inducted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremony scheduled Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at the Jackson Hilton. Activities begin with a reception at 6:15 p.m. and will be followed by a 7 p.m. program.

A Louisville native, Chancellor has been described as a coach who does more than just "coach" talented players to win titles, as explained by one of his former WNBA Houston Comet players following yet another league championship: "Coach Chancellor teaches team....and he also teaches love."

He is currently in his third year leading the Louisiana State University Tigers, who advanced to the second round of the 2010 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament en route to a 21-10 record.

Chancellor began his tenure at LSU in 2007-08 and quickly found success as the Tigers were SEC regular season champions and advanced to the NCAA Final Four before finishing at 31-6. For his efforts, Chancellor was named Southeastern Coach of the Year by both the coaches and media and was one of four finalists for the Naismith National Coach of the Year award.

His 2008-09 squad finished 19-11 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Prior to his return to the college ranks, Chancellor led the Houston Comets of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) from 1997-2007. During his tenure, the Comets won the league's first four titles and were the only team to make the playoffs in each of the first seven seasons of the league.

In recognition of his success, Chancellor was named WNBA Coach of the Year for 1997, 1998 and 1999. The 1998 Comets still hold the record for the highest winning percentage in the history of NBA and WNBA basketball with a 27-3 mark (.900). Chancellor was also named Coach of the WNBA's All-Decade Team in June 2006. His overall record was 211-111 for the 10 seasons, which makes him the winningest coach in WNBA history.

Chancellor is probably most associated with his success at the University of Mississippi, where he led the Rebels from 1978-97, amassing a 439-154 record during his 19-year tenure. His teams advanced to 14 NCAA Tournaments, including four Elite Eights and three Sweet 16s. His 1991-92 squad won the SEC regular season championship with a perfect 11-0 mark and advanced to the Elite Eight prior to finishing with a 29-3 record. On three occasions, Chancellor was named SEC Coach of the Year at Ole Miss.

Chancellor also found success on the international level, posting an overall 38-0 record as

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head coach of the United States National Team in 2004 and 2002. He led the 2004 squad to an Olympic gold medal.

He began his coaching career while a senior at Mississippi State University, serving as head coach of the boys' basketball team at Noxapater High School.

He served two years at Noxapater before taking over as head coach of the boys' and girls' basketball teams at Horn Lake High School, where he compiled an impressive 307-103 overall record. His boys' teams went 164-51 and the girls' record was 173-52.

Chancellor continued his success at Harrison Central High School, where his teams amassed a five-year record of 277 wins and 62 losses. His led the boys' teams to a 121-38 record and the girls posted a 156-24 mark and captured consecutive State 4-A and State Overall basketball championships in 1976 and 1977.

He left Harrison Central in 1978 to take over the Ole Miss Rebel program.

Chancellor was a former basketball standout at Louisville High School, where he averaged 24 points per game his senior season. He continued his athletic career at then East Central Junior College in Decatur, where he played two years for coach Denver Brackeen, who was posthumously inducted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame in 2007.

Additional honors Chancellor has received include the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, 2007; American Association of Community and Junior Colleges Outstanding Alumni Award, 2005; USA Basketball Coach of the Year, 2002; Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, 2001; Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, 1998; and National Women's Basketball Coach of the Year by the Women's Basketball News Service, 1992.

Chancellor is married to the former Betty Cannon. They have a son, John, and a daughter, Renee, and four grandchildren, Nicholas, Jacob, Joseph and Zachary.

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Dual Enrollment Nursing Program Available for High School Seniors

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Qualifying seniors can now take the fast track to a career in nursing by enrolling in East Central Community College's Dual Enrollment Practical Nursing Program.

The Dual Enrollment Nursing Program is funded by a grant from the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and allows students to attend classes free of charge while in high school. The only cost for students is transportation to the Decatur campus, where the classes are held in the Association Degree Nursing/Childcare Technology Building.

"Successful students would be able to complete the program by the end of the fall semester of their freshman year in college," said Dr. Betsy Mann, ECCC Dean of Healthcare Education.

To apply for the Dual Enrollment Program, students must complete an application for admission to ECCC and the Application for Healthcare Education. They must also submit an official high school transcript, transcripts for any college work completed and an ACT score.

Students who have not taken the ACT should contact ECCC academic counselor Michael Alexander at 601-635-6231 to make an appointment to do so.

In addition, each applicant must arrange for an official letter to be sent from their high school counselor verifyng: completion of at least 14 core high school units or a 30 or above composite score on the ACT and a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale for high school work completed (a B average). Students must also have the unconditional recommendation of their high school principal or guidance counselor.

The official letter should address each item listed above, as well as whether the student has completed Allied Health I and/or II, although neither course is a pre-requisite.

Those selected must also submit to a health evaluation and a criminal background check, as required by Mississippi State Law.

For more information, contact Dr. Mann at 601-635-6294. The e-mail address is bmann@eccc.edu.

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SCOTT OFFICIALS VISIT ECCC CAMPUS

Scott County officials were luncheon guests at the March 9, 2010, meeting of the College's Board of Trustees and received special recognition for their support of the College. Seated from left are Joe Rigby, circuit clerk; Tim Sorey, District 2 supervisor; Myra Murrell-Davis, tax assessor; Kim Ervin, comptroller; Jackie Bradford, District 1 supervisor; and Bruce McMillan, District 5 supervisor. Standing are trustees from Scott County who include (from left) Annie Stowers of Forest, Rebecca Farris of Morton, Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake, Frank McCurdy of Morton, Scott County Superintendent of Education; and Royce Shaw of Forest. Shaw also serves as Board secretary. Not pictured is trustee Vernon Crotwell of Morton.

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ECCC to raise tuition for 2010-11

Tuition and a few other fees will increase for the 2010-11 term at East Central Community College in Decatur, following action by the College's Board of Trustees during its April 13, 2010, meeting.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said the higher fees are necessary due to the recent state budget cuts and the College's increasing enrollment, which reached a record 2,841 students last fall.

"Increasing fees is not something we want to do but we have no choice," said Dr. Sutphin. "Enrollment continues to climb at most community colleges, including EC, during this economic downturn, but public funding, however, is not keeping pace with increasing enrollments and in fact, is decreasing. In most businesses when demand increases, supply increases with the larger revenue produced by the greater demand. That is difficult to achieve in the public sector because the cost of education is subsidized with shrinking government dollars. In our case, 80 percent of our revenue is federal, state or local funds."

Tuition for full-time students will be $895 per semester, an increase of $95. Room fees – for all residence halls except Barber Hall - will increase to $675 from $575. Cost to live in Barber Hall will be $775, an increase of $200.

Part-time students will now pay $90 per credit hour, an increase of $5. The lab fee for healthcare education students has also increased, from $25 to $50. One fee no longer in effect is the $10 charge to drop or add classes.

The increase in fees, which goes into effect when the first summer term begins in May 2010, is expected to generate approximately $300,000 for the College's general fund, according to Dr. Sutphin.

Students planning to attend ECCC this fall will have four orientation sessions to register for classes. Orientation activities are scheduled Friday, June 4; Saturday, June 26; Thursday, July 15; and Friday, August 13.

Fall classes begin Thursday, August 19.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Research, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 206. The e-mail address is dluke@eccc.edu.

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Retraining aim of grant with EC

Two industries specific targets of $400,000 grant from U.S. EDA

By DEBBIE BURT MYERS
Managing Editor

Dislocated workers could be eligible for retraining geared toward two industries, one of them prospective, under a federal grant being sought by the Board of Supervisors, officials said.

The board voted unanimously Monday to apply for a $400,000 grant through the U. S. Economic Development Authority to create a modern manufacturing training program in partnership with East Central Community College.

The training would be held at ECCC's Integrated Technologies Training Center on the Choctaw Indian Reservation, the EC Productivity Enhancement Lab at the Career-Tech Center in Philadelphia and at the Neshoba Business Enterprise Center.

Roger Whitlock, dean of workforce training at ECCC, told supervisors that the EDA grant would allow ECCC to put a comprehensive training program in place that would lift Neshoba County's supply of available manufacturing workers to globally competitive levels.

Whitlock said one Philadelphia manufacturer expects to hire 50 to 100 employees within six to eight months and grow to as many as 200 after the first year.

A second manufacturer is looking to locate in Philadelphia that could hire about 200 employees as well, Whitlock said.

"The window is open briefly for an opportunity for the college and the county to partner in doing something that can be special for the people of Neshoba County," Whitlock told supervisors.

Neshoba County has a pool of about 4,500 dislocated workers in the wake manufacturing job losses in recent years, he said.

Some of those workers have

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aged, some have moved away and some have taken other jobs over the years, Whitlock said.

"We estimate a reasonable pool of dislocated workers interested in modern manufacturing jobs would be about 2,500," he said.

Modern manufacturing has changed since many of these workers held manufacturing jobs, Whitlock said, citing a need for new training.

Those without manufacturing jobs experience will need basic training to qualify for manufacturing jobs, he said.

Under the EDA grant proposal, ECCC would utilize its $400,000 grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation along with in-kind contributions to provide the 5 percent match requirement.

The goal of the new training program would be to teach not only basic jobs skills, but also advancing manufacturing courses ranging from robotics to hydraulics, among others.

"This grant gives us a chance to quantify a better technically-qualified workforce so that when recruits are brought in they see a pool established of skilled workers ready to be employed or a training system that can quickly make ready a population to be employed," Whitlock said.

Under the grant, ECCC and Neshoba County would choose a "navigator" to work out of the business enterprise center to identify and recruit former manufacturing employees and other dislocated workers from the pool of 4,500 who want to qualify for new modern manufacturing jobs.

The "navigator" will basically hold the hands of the dislocated workers through an assessment and the training, all the way to job placement should the jobs become available, Whitlock said.

After Whitlock's presentation, District 3 Supervisor Harold Reynolds made the motion to apply for the EDA grant to fund the training program.

"I think it would be a disservice to the unemployed here in Neshoba County if we didn't," Reynolds said.

Supervisors voted unanimously for the proposal.

The Industrial Development Authority of Neshoba County initially presented the proposal to supervisors.

Supervisors had considered a proposal by the John C. Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University that would create a regional training center here for so-called "green" construction jobs, targeting high school dropouts, among others.

Stanley Salter, chairman of the IDA Board, said last week that the partnership with ECCC would provide a broader spectrum of training for any type of industrial or manufacturing jobs as opposed to the Stennis proposal, which was centralized mostly in the construction industry.

Obbie Riley, president of the Board of Supervisors last month expressed hope of combining the two proposals because of the status the green initiative would give the application, but last week threw his support toward the East Central project backed by the IDA.

"I'm going to take the position that IDA has had a chance to go over both proposals and consider which one has the best chance for funding," Riley said.

Requirements for the EDA grant proposals include investments that:

- Support small and medium sized communities.
- Assist the most severely impacted communities.
- Have a high return on investment.
- Support regionalism, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Those four make up 20 percent each — or 80 percent — of the grant requirements.

Other requirements include investments that support global trade/competitiveness and that grow the "green" economy.

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Newton Community Healthcare Inc. recently honored Ruth Round of Newton, center, with an endowed scholarship at East Central Community College. Shown are, from left, Stacey Hollingsworth, ECCC executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, Round and Tim Thomas, director of Newton Community Healthcare Inc.

Ruth Round Volunteer Scholarship established at ECCC

DECATUR – A scholarship in honor of Ruth Round of Newton was recently established at East Central Community College.

The endowed scholarship was established by Newton Community Healthcare Inc. The announcement of the new scholarship was made at a reception recognizing Round for her more than 22 years of volunteer service to Newton Regional Hospital.

An ECCC alumnus, Round served as president of the Pink Ladies Auxiliary at the hospital in Newton and contributed more than 40,000 volunteer hours of service. She also volunteered her services with the Town and Country Garden Club, Friends of the Depot, Newton County Homemakers Council, Newton County Advisory Council, Liberty Community Club and the Newton Chamber of Commerce.

Round was recognized as Volunteer of the Year by the Mississippi Hospital Association and Woman of the Year by the Newton Chamber of Commerce.

The scholarship will be awarded each fall semester to a student who is enrolled in a healthcare program. To be eligible, applicants must: have a history of volunteer service; be a resident of Newton County; and be enrolled as a freshman or a sophomore student at ECCC.

Applications for the Ruth Round Volunteer Scholarship are available in the ECCC Student Services office. The award recipient will be selected by the college's Scholarship Committee.

For more information contact ECCC Student Services, (601) 635.2111 or call toll free, (877) 462.3222, ext. 205.

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ECCC Machine Shop Technology students Display Workmanship

Machine Shop Technology students at East Central Community College in Decatur display sprocket clocks and shafts, they designed, programmed and machined as a classroom project. One of their clocks with the Mississippi design will be raffled off as a fundraiser for SkillsUSA. Shown with their clocks and shafts, clockwise from left, are Shelby Shelley of Conehatta, Tim Patterson of McCool, Jeremy Stewart of Louisville, Adam McLemore of Forest and Lindsay Bozeman of Union. For more information about the Machine Tool Technology Program, contact instructor Danny Gressett at 601-635-6264. (EC PHOTO)

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Sue Ford retiring as EC math teacher

After serving almost 30 years in the classroom, Sue Ford is ready to begin a new phase in her life.

Ford, who has spent the last 11 years teaching various math courses to students at East Central Community College in Decatur, is retiring effective May 15.

Ford, a resident of Hickory, said her top priority in retirement is to spend more time with her family.

"My husband (Daryl) and I will now be able to visit our children and grandchildren, who are scattered throughout the Southeast. We will no longer have to miss school performances, Grandparents' Day, etc.," she said. "In addition, I plan to linger longer over my breakfast. Every morning my husband scatters bird seed outside our breakfast room window. We are treated to a smorgasbord of wildlife enjoying their breakfast....while we enjoy ours."

Ford, whose 29-year teaching career includes stints at Meridian and Newton high schools, Clarke College in Newton and a year's service in Texas, said her first "serious" thoughts about becoming a teacher was while she was in the third grade.

Ford, who teaches developmental algebra, intermediate algebra, college algebra, trigonometry, linear algebra and computer concepts at East Central, said her teaching methods have changed over the years due to changes in technology.

"When I first began teaching, there were no handheld calculators or desktop computers," she said. "These two inventions have dramatically changed the teaching of mathematics. Computer tutors such as My Math Lab are wonderful aids and very patient tutors. Calculators that connect to overhead projectors allow students to see relationships much more easily. It is easier to understand something you can actually see."

Ford said the technology – when used appropriately – "can greatly enhance learning."

"I do not like to see young children relying on calculators for basic math facts," she stated. "Once the basics are mastered, technology allows the student to focus on concepts rather than computation."

When she is not in the classroom, Ford said her main hobby is heirloom sewing, and noted she has three granddaughters "who enjoy the fruits of my labor." She added, "I have a Christening gown to make for our newest addition, too!" Ford said she also loves to read and work all types of puzzles.

She and Daryl have been married since 1967. They have two daughters and a son.

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ECCC names McCool, Gressett Instructors of the Year

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Marc McCool of Louisville, social science instructor, and Danny Gressett of Decatur, machine shop technology instructor, were recently selected Academic and Career-Technical Instructors of the Year, respectively, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Both instructors will be honored during an end-of-the-year faculty dinner scheduled May14 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Marc McCool

Having a positive influence on the lives of his students is what Academic Instructor of the Year Marc McCool of Louisville strives to do each day.

"I enjoy the opportunity to meet new students and make lifelong friends," McCool said about his career choice of education. "With every student and every class there is a new beginning with unlimited possibilities."

McCool began pursuing his career in education with intentions of coaching.

"My first love was sports," he said. "I switched my major to history and fell in love with the opportunity to help young people reach their full potential."

Because of his desire for the betterment of students and work ethic,

McCool was chosen as EC's 2009-10 Academic Instructor of the Year.

"It is an honor," McCool said of his award. "The entire ECCC faculty is outstanding and each instructor is deserving of this award. For me to have been chosen is a very humbling experience."

However, this isn't the first honor the American History professor has received. McCool was selected Star Teacher at Louisville High School, where he taught American Government and Economics from 1979 until 1998, Who's Who Among American High School Teachers, Who's Who Among Community College Instructors, Who's Who in America, ECCC HEADWAE Instructor, ECCC Lamplighter, Natchez Literary Festival participant and serves as an ECCC Legislative Liaison. McCool has been an instructor at ECCC since 1978.

He credits great influences in his life for his career success.

"My mother and dad, Dee and Maxine McCool, taught me at an early age the importance of hard work and doing a job right," McCool said. "Mrs. Jean Hendrix, English instructor at Louisville High School, and Mr. Harold Hudson, assistant principal of LHS, helped influence me early in my career by teaching me "the little things" that you don't learn in college. My wife, Carrie McCool, inspired me to complete my master's degree and has provided invaluable emotional support throughout my teaching career."

McCool, a 1977 graduate of ECCC, was active in intramural sports and musicals during his time as a student.

McCool said he made lifelong friends as a student at the College and some of his fondest memories of his time in school here were "the caring instructors, such as Ms. Lucille Wood, Mr. Thomas Thrash, Mr. Ovid Vickers and Mrs. Martha Graham, etc."

McCool received his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Mississippi. He earned his master's degree and completed additional graduate work at Mississippi State University.

McCool and his wife, Carrie, have a son and a daughter: Tyler, 21 and Lindsey, 15, respectively.

McCool

He is a member of Noxapater Baptist Church, where he serves as a substitute Sunday school teacher. He is also a member of the ECCC and Ole Miss alumni associations, and the Winston Academy Booster Club.

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Attends Chancellor's induction

David and Brenda Vowell, from left, of Philadelphia were among friends and colleagues in attendance for Coach Van Chancellor's induction into the Mississippi Community and Junior College Sports Hall of Fame recently in Jackson. Chancellor, shown above with his wife, Betty, is a 1963 graduate of then East Central Junior College in Decatur. He joins 14 other coaches and/or athletes representing the state's community and junior colleges who received the prestigious honor at the fourth annual induction ceremony held April 27. David Vowell was a member of the first Chancellor-coached team at Noxapater High School in 1964-65. (EC Photo)

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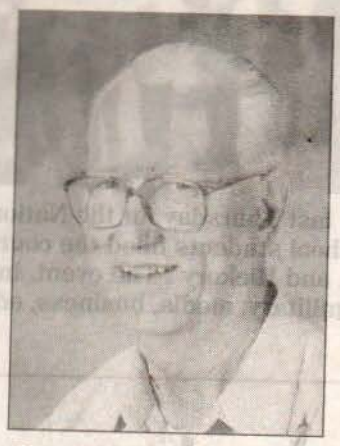
Germany ready to retire 'But Not Sit Down'

A 52-year career as a collision repair technician and instructor is about to end for Conrad Germany of Union, who has spent the past 20 years sharing his knowledge and expertise with students at East Central Community College in Decatur.

"I started teaching in the first place because I liked working with young people, and that has been the most important part of my tenure at EC," Germany said.

Germany's list of subjects taught includes theory and skills of welding, painting, body repair, frame repair, damage appraisals, basic management concepts, customer relations and employee responsibilities. He also provides instruction on maintaining tool and material inventories and keeping tools and equipment in proper working order, and how to requisition and order tools, equipment, materials and supplies.

Germany said he has tried various teaching methods since beginning his career at



Escambia County School District in Pensacola, Fla., in 1969. But his original methods seem to work best throughout his 28-year service in the classroom.

"Basically I have used the same system of evaluation throughout my career because it allows me to review the progress of each student. I keep weekly charts – actually a tracking sheet – that includes enough information for me to visualize what each student was doing at that time in the shop"

His students placed first in the Mississippi VICA and SkillsUSA competitions in 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 and advanced to national competition. The 1995 competitor finished second, missing first place by one point, and the 2007 competitor received honorable mention by placing seventh in the competition held in Kansas City, Missouri.

Germany has also been the recipient of various honors, including his selection as the College's career-technical instructor of the year in 1998.

As someone obviously experienced in preparing curriculum for auto body programs, Germany has his thoughts regarding the most effective method of reaching students:

Germany's first teaching job was "quite an experience," he said, and followed employment as a body, frame and paint technician for a Pensacola car dealership. He had also previously worked at several other dealerships after beginning his career as an apprentice in 1958 in Gering, Nebraska.

"My first classroom assignment was to teach afternoon classes for young adults who had dropped out of school or had been in trouble," he said.

Germany, whose education background included attending grade school in Hill City, Kansas, high school in Scottsbluff, Nebraska - from

after 52 year career

where he graduated in 1960 - and attending college classes at the University of West Florida from 1970-72 and Pensacola Junior College in 1973-74, found himself returning to the classroom at ECCC in 1990.

"I am retiring but my plans do not include going home and just sitting down," Germany said. "I have a lot of hobby work planned, such as home repair and gardening, and I still have a 1936 Chevrolet pickup that needs a total restoration. I also plan to be more active in my church (Bluff Springs Church of God in Neshoba County) and maybe do some mission work."

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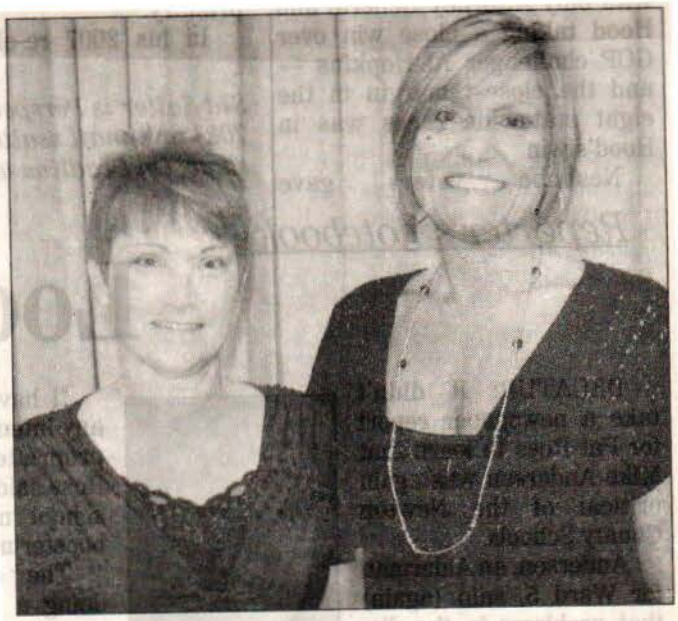
Davis Closes Chapter on Education Career....A career spent assisting students achieve their educational goals is coming to a close for Gene Davis, who will officially retire on June 30, 2010, following 25 years of service at East Central Community College in Decatur. Davis, who began his employment at East Central in 1985 as dean of students, has served the past 22 years as the College's first dean of adult & continuing.



ECCC Staffers Honored...Special recognition was given to the above East Central Community College staff members at the College's annual Administrative Assistants Appreciation Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. Shelia Stamper (left) of Decatur was honored for 20 years service in the Business Office and Teri Killens, also of Decatur, was recognized for her 10 years as an ECCC employee. Killens currently serves as administrative assistant to the vice president for instruction. ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin presented resolutions to the honorees and expressed appreciation to all administrative assistants for their service to the College. (EC Photo)

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Neshoba officials visit ECCC campus

Neshoba County officials were luncheon guests at the May 11, meeting of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees and received special recognition for their support of the College. The special campus visitors are shown with trustees from Neshoba County. Seated from left are supervisors Obbie Riley (District 5), Harold Reynolds (District 3), Kevin Cumberland (District 2), Marty Sistrunk (District 4) and Keith Lillis (District 1), and Larry McMillan, chancery clerk. Circuit Clerk Patti Duncan Lee also attended the luncheon. Standing from left are Neshoba County trustees David Byars, Jerry Smith, George Shaw, Neshoba County Supt. of Education, Prentice Copeland (chairman) and Ricky Goldman, all of Philadelphia; and Edsel Cliburn, Union.

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Stacey Hollingsworth of Decatur was awarded a doctoral degree in Community College Leadership from Mississippi State University on May 1, 2010.

Hollingsworth, the daughter of Jimmy and Iva Dean Smith of Decatur, is currently employed at East Central Community College as the Executive Director for Foundation and Alumni Relations.

Her work at ECCC involves coordinating fundraising efforts, coordinating homecoming activities and luncheons, maintaining the alumni database, distributing correspondence to alumni and friends of the college, and coordinating grant writing activities.

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Bowen establishes ECCC scholarship

Dr. Frank Bowen, center, of Carthage, presents a check to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, President of East Central Community College, to establish the Dr. Frank and Bobbie McPhail Bowen Scholarship. Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, left, is ECCC executive director for foundation and alumni relations. Dr. and Mrs. Bowen met at East Central as freshmen and were members of the Class of 1941. Candidates for the scholarship should be graduates of a Leake County high school, finish in the top 10 percent of their high school classes and enroll as full-time students at ECCC the fall semester after high school graduation. For more information telephone 601-635-2111, ext. 205.

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ECCC Retirees

Special recognition was provided to the above retiring staff members at East Central Community College at the annual end-of-the-year luncheon held recently on the Decatur campus. The retirees were presented resolutions honoring their years of service to ECCC and received other gifts. The group represents almost 290 years service to education. Seated from left are Roberta Holt (December 2009 retiree) of Little Rock, business administration and accounting instructor; Sue Ford of Hickory, math instructor; and Gail Wood of Bentonia, assistant librarian and library science instructor. Standing from left are Gene Davis of Louisville, dean of adult and continuing education; Gloria Rigdon of Decatur, College nurse; Robert Murphy of Philadelphia, director of the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, a division of ECCC; and Conrad Germany of Union, collision repair technology instructor. Also honored but not pictured are retirees Gloria Johnson of Morton, head librarian and library science instructor; and Burma Weidler of Decatur, assistant to the director of financial aid. (EC Photo)

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EC Healthcare Advisory committee

Members of East Central Community College's Healthcare Advisory Committee met recently on the Decatur campus. The group includes members of the College's healthcare faculty as well as area healthcare professionals. Associate Degree Nursing instructor Lori Luke, who serves as committee chairperson, said, "The advisory committee meets bi-annually to allow the faculty to update the healthcare community about the progress within our programs and more importantly allows our guests to provide insight and input into how we can develop our programs to meet the ever-changing needs of healthcare in our communities. We value the insight from our community professionals, which helps us provide our students a quality education." Participants included (front row, from left) Shea Bishop, Director of Nursing, Pioneer Hospital of Newton; Maudean Sanders, ECCC Dean of Institutional Effectiveness; Jessica Williamson of Louisville, ECCC Surgical Technology Student; and Margie Majure, Director of Nursing, Scott Regional Hospital; and (back row, from left) Susan Fox-Smith, ECCC psychology instructor; Matt Edwards, Nurse Manager, Telemetry Unit-Anderson Regional Medical Center; JoAnn Tinsley-Rounsaville, president, Quality Hospice Care; Barry Harrison, Paramedic, Choctaw Health Center; Millie Smith, Coordinating Nurse for Neshoba/Newton County Health Department, Mississippi Department of Health; and Lynn Benson, Director of Education Department-Riley Hospital. For more information on the College's Healthcare programs, contact Dr. Betsy Mann, Dean, at 601-635-6294. The e-mail address is bmann@eccc.edu.

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Rigdon retiring as ECCC Nurse

After serving more than 28 years, Gloria Rigdon is ready to begin a new phase in her life.

Rigdon, who has spent 14 years administering healthcare to students, faculty and staff and the previous 13.5 years as a secretary for communications at East Central Community College iretired this spring.

Rigdon, a resident of Decatur, said her top priority in retirement is to prioritize better - "God, family, friends and work."

"I just felt like it was time to step out on faith and do something different," Rigdon said. "I am looking at retirement as the next chapter in my life. I surely hope it is a great one. The end of the book is getting close!"

Although she said she has enjoyed her career, Rigdon said she is looking forward to traveling and spending more time with family. Rigdon is retiring from East Central, although, she plans to continue working as a nurse in the future.

In reflecting on her time at EC, Rigdon, who was a graduate of the first nursing class in EC's history, said she has many fond memories.

"There are many memories about EC that I will hold on to forever," she said. "I will remember the many faculty, students and staff, who I have grown to love through the years. It has been a privilege to have worked with Ovid and Carol Vickers, Lucille Wood, Alice Pouncey and Leann Scoggin, just to name a few. I have fond memories that will be with me always. "

Rigdon, whose career at ECCC began in 1982, credits administrators and her co-workers for her success.

"I could never begin to repay Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Ms. Barbara Deaton and Ms. Nancy Harris for what they did for me," Rigdon said.

"One of the funniest things (after the fact) that ever happened was being on the switchboard the morning the bomb threat was called in. I received the call stating, "There is a bomb on campus." I stated, "Well that's great. What a wonderful way to start a Monday (thinking it was a joke). The young man was caught off guard with such a reply and said, "Lady, I am serious." Needless to say, I quickly responded by calling Dr. (Eddie) Smith (former College President). Everyone was moved to the football field, except guess who? Me! I sat there a few minutes and thought there is something wrong with this picture. I then departed to the football field. There was no bomb, after all."

Now that her career at EC is about to end, Rigdon offered the following thoughts:

"East Central has been good to me. I will always be eternally grateful for the friends and opportunities afforded me through the years. "

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East Central CC

■ **William Ryan Clarke**, of Decatur, was named director of adult basic education and general education development. He works in adult continuing education. Clarke has an associate degree from East Central Community College, a bachelor's in English from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's in counselor education from Mississippi State University-Meridian.

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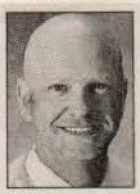
East Central Community College

■ **Joe Killens** has been named director of the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center. He begins his new job on July 1. He previously served as vice president for student services and has been a faculty member since 1997. Killens attended East Central Community College and has a bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's from the University of Mississippi.



Killens

■ **James Miller** has been named dean of students. He is responsible for the administration and supervision of the police force, student housing, student activities, intramural sports and overall climate of the student population on campus. He joined the staff in 2005. Miller has a bachelor's degree in computer information systems from Nicholls State University

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Robert Murphy winding up career

A career in education that began in 1963 is coming to an end for Robert Murphy of Philadelphia, who has served the past 16 years as director of the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, a division of East Central Community College in Decatur.

Murphy admitted to having "mixed emotions" as he prepares for his upcoming retirement on June 30, following 37 years service in education.

"I am looking forward to fishing, traveling and spending time with my family," said Murphy. "I am also saddened by the thought of leaving the staff and students at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center. The friends that I have made over the years mean the most to me."

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Murphy began his service as career-tech director in July 1994. He previously served as assistant principal at Neshoba Central High School. He is also a former assistant principal at Riverside High School in Avon, near Greenville. In addition, he is a former vocational director for the Western Line School District in Avon, and was vocational preparation teacher at the C.L. Morris Center, also located in Avon.

Murphy, who said he has enjoyed his career in education, expressed concerns about the current state of affairs.

"I feel that we have some great educators in our school systems," he said, "but I am concerned that the threats of cutting budgets and salaries in the state

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may cause Mississippi to lose some of the state's greatest assets, our teachers."

In addition to challenges in education brought on by budget cuts, Murphy said the other "main" challenge he has faced concerns the advancement in technology, which has also caused "mixed" feelings for the longtime educator.

"I feel that technology is good, but I also feel that in some areas, the system should go back to the basics," he said.

Murphy, who was encouraged by family members to enter the field of education, offers a simple solution on how to effectively reach students:

"Be firm but fair, and show them that you are interested in their success."

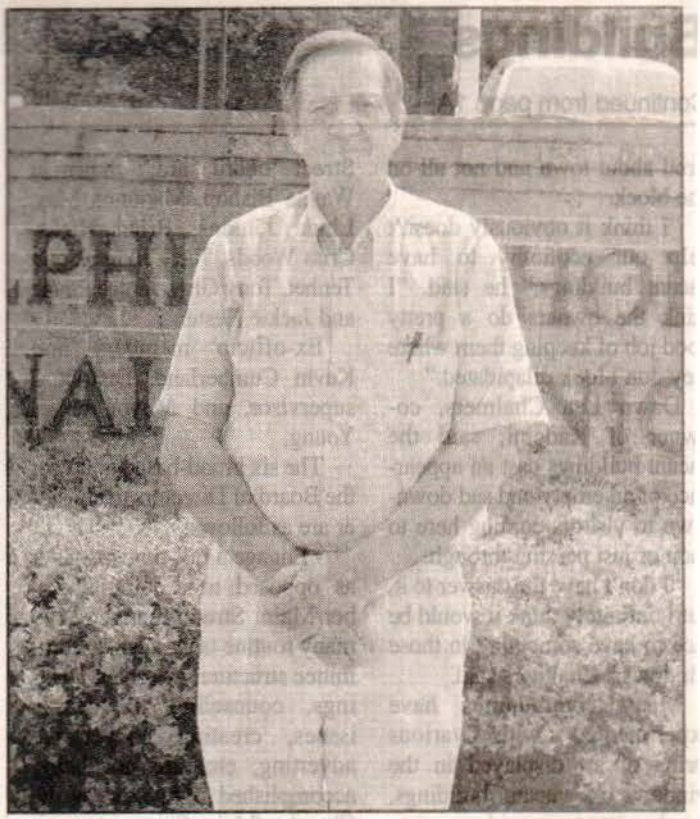
His "motto" has obviously been a success, as evidenced by the hundreds of career-tech students from area high schools who completed programs offered at the center and successfully entered the workforce.

Programs include allied health, auto mechanics, building trades, business and computer technology, design and merchandising, metal trades and related studies.

"I am very proud of our success and especially proud of the outstanding instructors that we have been blessed to have at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center," said Murphy.

A graduate of Ethel High School and Holmes Junior College, Murphy received a bachelor's degree in industrial education from Mississippi State University and a master's degree in secondary administration and supervision from Delta State University.

He was married to the former Joan Pope of Kosciusko, now deceased. Their daughter, Alicia Murphy, is currently enrolled in nursing school.



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Robert Murphy of Philadelphia, who has served the past 16 years as director of the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, is retiring June 30.

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James Miller named East Central's Dean of Students

James Miller was recently named Dean of Students at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, college president.

Miller, whose selection to the new post was approved Tuesday, May 11, by the College's Board of Trustees, will mainly be responsible for discipline on campus, said Dr. Sutphin.

"Mr. Miller has been an invaluable employee in the Student Services area during his employment at the college, particularly in crisis situations during the current semester," said Dr. Sutphin.

James Miller

Miller, who reports directly to the Vice President of Student Services, will also be responsible for the administration and supervision of the ECCC Police Force, student housing, student activities, intramural sports and overall climate of the student population on campus. He begins his new duties immediately.

He joined the ECCC staff in August 2005 as an assistant football coach and most recently served as defensive coordinator. His duties also included serving in various capacities in the Student Services area.

A 1999 graduate of Meridian High School, Miller holds a

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bachelor's degree in computer information systems from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, La. He was also a standout member on the Colonel football team and twice earned All-Southland Conference honors at linebacker. He also served as team captain.

Miller is married to the former Sharon Amerson of Meridian. They have a daughter, Destiny.

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Moody scholarship established at East Central Community College

The Robert J. Moody Jr. Special Education Scholarship was recently established at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Designated for a deserving ECCC sophomore from Winston County, the scholarship is named in honor of Robert J. Moody Jr. of Louisville, son of Bobby and Ann Moody. Bobby Moody is a longtime member of the Mississippi House of Representatives who "has worked tirelessly to provide opportunities for individuals with special needs," according to the scholarship description.

Candidates for the Robert J. Moody Jr. Special Education Scholarship must have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, have a desire to pursue a degree in education with an emphasis in special education, and plan to attend East Central Community College in Decatur during the fall semester of their freshman year at ECCC.

The annual recipient will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

If there are no qualified applicants pursuing a degree in special education, others may be considered.

For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-6205.

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Critical Thinking Skills Are the Surest Pathway to True and Lasting Knowledge

The term "critical thinking" is used by numerous community college instructors to suggest their pedagogy results in high-level instruction and learning. But many instructors undoubtedly would admit that their knowledge of critical thinking is based on Bloom's Taxonomy and the six levels of learning — knowledge, understanding, application, analysis, evaluation, synthesis. These instructors, in my view, are promoting pseudo-knowledge of this vital concept.

A pedagogy that does not emphasize a clear and explicit understanding of critical thinking results in didactic instruction; that is, a "mother robin" approach characterized by instructors disseminating large amounts of information that will soon be forgotten. In contrast, when students are taught to think through information, they obtain what dedicated instructors aspire to impart to their students: knowledge.

If an instructor aims to generate actual knowledge, it becomes necessary to learn the critical thinking theory most likely to accomplish this task. From my perspective, the best framework is promulgated by Richard Paul and Linda Elder of the Foundation for Critical Thinking (www.criticalthinking.org). When this model is fused with disparate teaching methods, students will become engaged in critical thinking as opposed to attempting to memorize and recall.

Just what is critical thinking? Simply put, it is the task of thinking about thinking — one's own thinking or the thinking of others — with the goal of improving it. The critical thinking process involves analyzing and evaluating one's own thought processes. The critical thinker uses intellectual standards (such as clarity, accuracy and significance) to evaluate elements of the thinking process (such as purpose, conclusions and point of view).

For example, suppose someone hears a speech by a politician or a sermon by a preacher. The non-critical thinker will infer the statement as factual, based upon the assumption that whatever the respective speaker states is true. The critical thinker, on the other hand, will begin the reflection process, analyzing the statement based on the speaker's perspective and purpose.

In order to teach students to think critically, instructors must develop a pedagogy that aims to promote critical thinking skills. The pedagogy must be based upon the belief that the instructor's discipline provides ample opportunity to teach critical thinking. Instructors must create opportunities for students to think critically.

For instance, I use various methods to

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promote critical thinking in my Western Civilization class. Socratic questioning is the linchpin of my pedagogy. I never enter class without preconceived questions that are formulated utilizing critical thinking concepts, because critical thinking begins with the questioning process.

Recently, I was teaching the concept of anthropomorphism as part of my Mesopotamia unit. In order to generate the thinking process, I first utilized exploratory questioning, determining what the students knew about the concept. Next, I had my students read an actual prayer from that time period. Subsequently, I dressed like a goddess — I called myself Crentar — and began to evince human qualities with the song "Rock and Roll All Night" blaring in the background. Then I asked the critical question: Did Crentar portray the characteristics of anthropomorphism, and what are your reasons for your conclusion? The didactic approach would have been to merely recite the definition to students for note-taking purposes.

Here's another example. When teaching the ancient Egyptian point of view towards the judgment of the soul, I showed my students a picture that depicted the judgment of the "Ka" within the Hall of Two Truths. Most of my students had no idea what they were analyzing, but I asked them to reach a conclusion concerning what the picture depicted.

When a student gave his or her view, the rest of the class was asked to judge its accuracy. Subsequently, I brought into class a model of the human heart — loaned from the Biology Department — and asked the question: What was the significance of the heart to the ancient Egyptian point of view towards the judgment?

Both examples show how historical material was used to accentuate an aspect of critical thinking. It is worth noting that during each lesson, I constantly utilize the questioning process to have students exhibit knowledge of critical thinking concepts. My pedagogy does not use multiple choice tests, but instead relies on substantive writing assignments and test questions based upon critical thinking concepts.

Finally, it is important to note that a critical thinking-based pedagogy does not occur on a whim. In fact, it is the result of much intellectual labor. It is extremely difficult for an instructor to promote this skill without a workable knowledge of significant critical thinking concepts.

It's apparent that education is the key. Instructors must obtain this knowledge through sacrificing their time to read materials that explain and exemplify the concepts and skills associated with critical thinking.

They must also take the time to plan lessons that result in thinking-through the content as opposed to promoting mere memorization.

Community college administrators have a responsibility to their respective student bodies to organize staff development activities that allow instructors to learn critical thinking concepts and skills.

What will be the result? Graduates will leave their respective institutions equipped with skills needed to adapt to the various problems and issues they will confront during their lifetimes. ▲

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ECCC awarded $1.77 million grant for job training outreach

East Central Community College has been awarded a $1.77 million federal grant to support a plan to expand its job training outreach in five counties, including Neshoba.

The announcement was made by U.S. Sens. Thad Cochran and Roger Wicker.

The Community-Based Job Training Grant issued by the U.S. Department of Labor will increase ECCC job training capabilities in Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties, with a focus on training for advanced manufacturing, health care and information technology.

Meanwhile, officials are still awaiting news on a $400,000 grant through the U. S. Economic Development Authority being sought by Neshoba County to create a modern manufacturing training program in partnership with East Central Community College.

If that grant is awarded, the training would be held at ECCC's Integrated Technologies Training Center on the Choctaw Indian Reservation, the EC Productivity Enhancement Lab at the Career-Tech Center in Philadelphia and at the Neshoba Business Enterprise Center.

"We have not received any confirmation or denial yet on the grant," David Vowell, president of the Community Development Partnership said.

Vowell worked with the county and ECCC in preparing that grant application.

Sen. Cochran said the $1.77 million federal grant that was awarded would improve the East Central's collaboration with businesses and industries to train the workers they need.

"East Central Community College will work with a number of partners to expand its ability to offer job training opportunities for more people in rural Mississippi," he said.

Cochran is the ranking Republican on the Senate appropriations subcommittee that funds the Department of Labor.

ECCC will apply the grant funding to its "Connecting College with Your Community" project, which involves expanding distance learning technologies to provide job skills training. The college intends to use the project to supply education and training to more than 1,600 people, including unemployed, dislocated or incumbent workers.

"I am pleased that East Central Community College will have the additional resources to expand its job training initiatives," Wicker said. "This partnership between the college and the community will offer new educational opportunities for Mississippians and provide businesses with a well-trained workforce."

The Labor Department grant program is designed on a "demand-driven workforce development model" that relies on partnerships between community colleges and employers.

The ECCC job training program will be aided through partnerships with District Workforce Development Council; Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; Neshoba County Community Development Partnership; Twin Districts Local Workforce Investment Board; Workforce Investment Workforce One-Stop Center and Winston County Industrial Development Authority.

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Randal Lee returns to lead ECCC student services

A familiar face is returning to the East Central Community College campus in Decatur to lead the College's efforts in the Student Services area.

Randall E. Lee, a former ECCC dean of students, was recently named vice president of student services, announced College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

Dr. Sutphin said Lee "brings a great deal of student services experience in the community college setting, having served in several top level administrative positions in three community colleges. We are pleased to announce his employment."

Lee succeeds Joe Killens who spent 10 years in the post and now serves as director the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, a division of ECCC.

Lee, who officially begins his new duties on Aug. 9, said he looks forward to returning to his alma mater.

"I consider it a great honor and privilege to again serve the constituents of EC's district and the surrounding area," he stated. "I plan to hit the ground running assisting students with their educational needs. I also look forward to seeing old friends, renewing former acquaintances and making new friends."

Lee has served as dean of student services at Central Maine Community College, located in Auburn, Maine, since 2006.

During his tenure at Central Maine, enrollment increased each semester and reached 2,720 students this past year, similar in size to ECCC which experienced a record enrollment of 2,841 students for the fall 2009 term. Lee was responsible for leading the student services division, which includes more than 30 personnel involved in various areas including enrollment management, admissions, housing, discipline, security, athletics, counseling and financial aid.

Randall Lee

He is also credited with improving campus life by doubling the number of student clubs and varsity sports teams. In addition, he led efforts to build the college's first fitness center on campus.

Lee is also a former vice president for student affairs at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, Mo., where he served from 2002-2006.

His administrative experience also includes a stint as district dean of academics at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba from 2000-2002.

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In addition, he is also a former adjunct psychology instructor for the University of Maryland in Europe, Maryland, and also taught psychology courses at Fayetteville Technical Community College in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Lee began his employment at ECCC in 1994 as academic counselor. He was named acting dean of students in August 1996 and officially assumed the post in October of that year.

Enrollment reached 2,228 during his tenure and included a 16 percent increase during a one-year period, the largest in school history. He also managed and executed a retention program that resulted in the largest percentage of fulltime freshmen (79 percent) returning for their sophomore year.

The enrollment and retention increases also led to an increase of personnel in the student services area. Lee served four years at ECCC prior to joining the EMCC administrative staff in 2000.

Lee is also a longtime member of the military and will observe 32 years of service with the U.S. Army in October 2010. He was deployed to the Middle East in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in 2008.

After serving as Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel overseas, he now serves as Command and Control Chief for a Medical Support Training Battalion.

He is an honor graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, East Central Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received bachelor and master's degrees. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree from USM.

Lee and his wife, Michelle, have two children. Lana is a junior English major at Southern New Hampshire University. Alexander will be a senior this fall at Newton County High School.

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EC faculty housing draws fire from Decatur residents

Work in progress, says Dr. Sutphin

By Bill Graham
Appeal Managing Editor

DECATUR: Under pressure from local residents, Mayor Randy Rushing is planning to ask the Mississippi Attorney General's office if two houses on the ECCC campus fall under the town's zoning regulations.

Resident Catherine Horton told town aldermen Monday night that the houses are a "slap in the face."

The two-bedroom, 24 by 40 houses, built by the school's carpentry classes, typically sell at auction, but did not sell this year.

Mayor Rushing said Monday that Town Attorney Bobby Everett had researched the zoning issue, finding that the town has no say-so over the ECCC campus.

Horton disagreed, saying that her own research indicates the opposite.

But EC President Dr. Phil Sutphin emphasizes that the houses, which are still under construction, will look much different when they are completed.

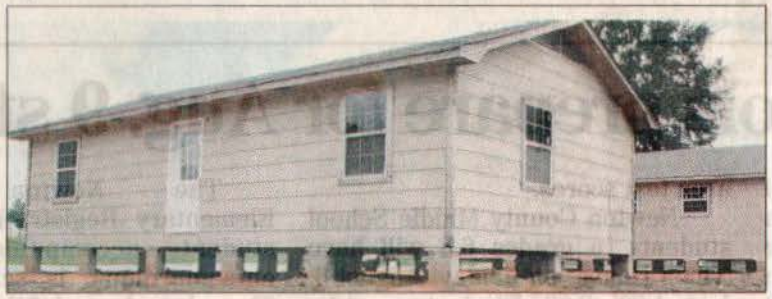
"There's still a lot of work to be done," he said Tuesday.

"Our intent is for the houses to be an attractive addition to the area," he said.

Dr. Sutphin said the college is working on the inside of the homes, so that faculty members-not students- can move in before school starts.

He said the houses will be painted, and landscaping, fences, and underpinning will be added.

As far as the zoning regulations, he said the college is meeting city code, even though it doesn't have to under state law.



Faculty housing at ECCC has raised the ire of Decatur residents, but ECCC President Dr. Phil Sutphin says the area will be more attractive when work on the houses is completed.

At the center of the zoning issue, according to town officials, is whether or not the houses are too close to the street and too close together.

Horton, addressing the board Monday, called the houses a public safety issue. "And a public nuisance issue," she said.

"I know nobody wants to make enemies of the college," she added. "I love the college."

"You're not taking sides if you ask for a written opinion," she told the board.

But, she added, if the opinion was in favor of the college, she would press on.

"You get an opinion, and in my mind that's just another step," she said. "I think we need to take it to the Supreme Court. Because that opinion is just an opinion."

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"If I need to donate, and supply an attorney because the city's so broke, whatever," she said. "That's my home street down there."

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ECCC Warrior Club Banquet scheduled

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DECATUR — Supporters of East Central Community College athletics are encouraged to attend the third annual Warrior Club Fall Banquet scheduled Thursday, Aug. 12.

Activities for the semi-casual event begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by the meal at 7 p.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. The banquet menu includes fried catfish and shrimp.

"The banquet is open to all alumni and friends of the College who have supported East Central athletics in the past and/or pledge their support in the future," said Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations.

Hollingsworth said featured speakers on the program will be head coaches for each sport, who include Brian Anderson (football), Kenneth Thompson (women and men's soccer), Bill Smith (women's basketball), Maurice Bowie (men's basketball), Neal Holliman (baseball), Scott Hill (fast-pitch softball), Dianne O'Neill and Kyle Watson (women and men's tennis) and James Moore (golf).

Tickets are $20 per person. All proceeds are designated for The Warrior Club Post-Season Fund.

For information call (877) 462-3222, ext. 327.

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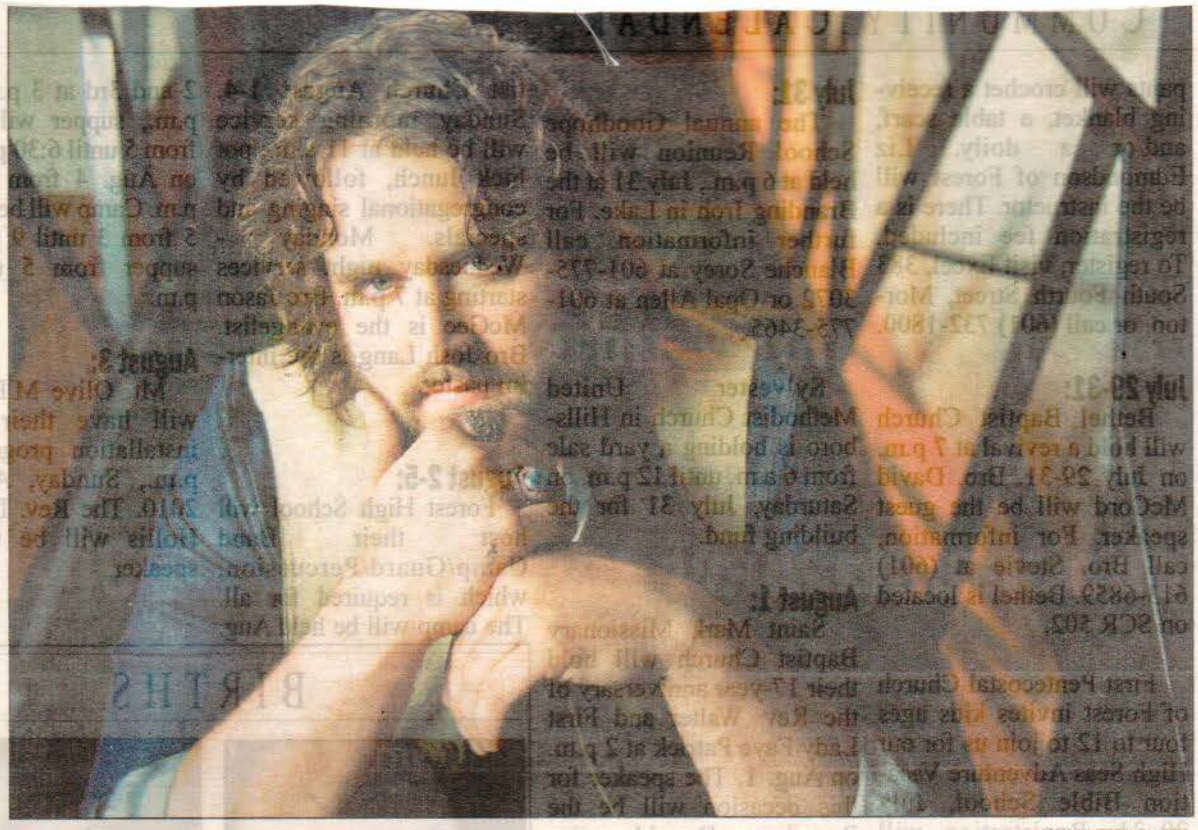

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Country music star and Scott County native Randy Houser will headline the Thursday night show at the Neshoba County Fair in Philadelphia. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. at the Grandstand on the fairgrounds.

Randy Houser Comes 'Home' to the Neshoba County Fair

By GENNIE PHILLIPS
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Lake native Randy Houser will "return home" to the Neshoba County Fair in Philadelphia on Thursday when he headlines the entertainment that evening.

The Fair is a venue Houser is familiar with, having performed there as a member of the East Central Community Collegians while he attended the college.

"Man, I can't wait," Houser said of his upcoming performance set to begin at 8 p.m. at the Grandstand. "We are going to have a ball! I am so excited to come home and play for my family and friends. I can't say enough about all the support my people from back home have shown me." Day passes for the Fair are $15, which include entrance to the concerts each evening.

Houser grew up attending the Fair as many Scott Countians do. He said throughout the years, he has attended the Fair as often as he could, however visits to his native area have grown fewer and farther between as his career has taken reign.

In 2002, Houser moved to Nashville, Tenn., and began his songwriting career. Houser, who co-wrote "Honky Tonk Badonkadonk" for Trace Adkins and "My Cowboy" for Jessie James, has long left the behind-the-scenes writing gig with which he premiered to the country music world and has made his way back to stage, standing front and center behind a microphone, guitar strapped on.

Houser has focused his entire life and career to be standing on stage front and center.

"I've always known what I wanted to do," Houser said. "I think it is important to be a dreamer, see something in your life, have a goal and want to make it happen. I just never let the dream get away from me." Focusing on the dream is just what Houser has done and with this dream he has found success.

By age 13, Houser fronted his own band. Throughout his childhood he performed throughout east central Mississippi at various venues entertaining crowds and in essence, preparing himself for his future. While attending college at ECCC, he formed another band called 10 lb. Biscuit.

Because Houser was exposed to various music types and musical influences, his musical style is a result of a mix of these genres.

Houser said he was greatly influenced by his father's music. His father was a professional musician as well and also whom Randy Houser took his stage name after. Houser, who grew up by the name "Shawn" Houser, performs under his given name Randy as a tribute to his father, Randolph "Randy" Houser, who died when he was only 21. Houser said he grew up listening to his father and other musicians

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playing Country, Southern Rock, Gospel, blues and many other genres of music.

"I have always been around music, my whole life," Houser said. "I was raised listening to almost every type of music you could imagine and some music that never even went to radio. I just soaked it all in."

Houser said other musical greats who influence his music are Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard and George Jones.

Currently on a fair and festival circuit tour, Houser said he is anxiously awaiting the release of his latest album, "They Call Me Cadillac," which is slated for release September 21. The album has included radio-released singles, such as "Whistlin' Dixie, which has already sold more than 100 thousand digital singles and "I'm All About It."

Although Houser refers to himself as "the same old dude who grew up in Lake," he has been recognized for his outstanding talent in recent years, his second single from his debut album, "Boots On," reached Top 5 on Billboard and Mediabase charts and spent two weeks at number one on Music Row charts. Country Aircheck named him their number one most played new artist for 2009. He was a presenter and a nominee at both the American Country Music Awards, nominated for video of the year for "Boots On," and the Country Music Awards for new artist of the year and music video of the year, as well as a nominee for the 2010 Country Music Television Music Awards Nationwide Insurance On Your Side Award.

Houser will join Gary Allan this fall on the "Get Off On The Pain Tour" with more than 30 dates expected across the United States, bringing Houser's performances for 2010 to more than 150 shows.

"I don't have much time to come home," Houser said. "When I do get home, I go to Mama's house and rest."

Houser said he has been really lucky to have the success he has had in his career thus far and strives to continue to make great music his fans can enjoy.

Performing at the Grand Ole Opry and for the David Letterman Show are two great memories Houser said he has had thus far; the Opry performance because that has been a dream of his for a long time and the Letterman show because the time of the performance was so fresh in his career.

Houser is set to perform on the Letterman Show again on September 22 and Jimmie Kimmel Live on September 27.

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Countian slated for EC honors

Recipients honors to be presented during East Central Community College's homecoming Saturday, Oct. 2, in Decatur have been announced by Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations.

Selected for induction into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame are Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin (Class of 1950) of Carthage and Chris Harris (Class of 1976) of Decatur.

Brig. Gen. Amelia Ellen Kennedy (Class of 1970) of Louisville will be the college's alumna of the year and William Dunigan "Bill" Bailey (Class of 1946) of Decatur will be honored as alumnus of the year.

Also to be honored will be the late Chief Phillip Martin of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award. Martin attended ECCC in 1957-58.

Reunion groups targeted for special recognition include Classes of 1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1979, 1980 and 1981, plus all Warrior Corps members.

The Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959 will also have a reunion during the weekend and will include the Class of 1960 for the group's dinner meeting Friday, Oct. 1.

Recognition of award winners will be made at the Alumni Association Luncheon at noon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

For more information, telephone Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth at 601-635-2111 or, toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327, or e-mail sholling@eccc.edu.

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Stephens named EC English instructor, assistant coach

Britta Stephens of Jayess was recently named English instructor and women's basketball assistant at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

Stephens, who begins her new duties on Aug. 2, previously served as an adjunct English instructor at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville. She is also a former English instructor at North Pike Middle School in Summit.

She is a graduate of North Pike High School in Summit, where she was a standout basketball player. Honors received by the shooting guard include her selection as a Mississippi High School Basketball All-Star.

Britta Stephens

Stephens continued her education and basketball career at Delta State University and later Mississippi College before transferring to William Carey University in Hattiesburg.

At William Carey, she received a bachelor's degree in English education and master's degrees in English education and secondary education. She was a three-year starter for the Lady Crusaders and was selected an NAIA Scholar Athlete in 2009 and 2010. She was also selected Outstanding English Major.

Stephens, who has coached at several basketball camps and clinics, is a welcomed addition to Coach Bill Smith's Lady Warrior staff.

"I have known Britta for the past 12 years and have followed her high school and college careers, said Smith. "She will be a great asset to both our basketball program and the English Department."

She is the daughter of John and Kay Stephens of Summit, who are both teachers and basketball coaches.

Her grandparents are James V. and L' Dean Gordon of Philadelphia. She is also a great niece of Pat Mioton of Philadelphia.

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Edward Girling named ECCC band assistant

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Edward F. Girling of Carthage was recently named assistant director of bands at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

Girling, who begins his new duties on Aug. 2, 2010, brings 28 years of experience as a band director and percussion instructor to the ECCC Band Program, led by Thomas W. Carson.

Girling most recently served as Forest High School band director, a position held since 2004. Honors received during his tenure at FHS include Wal-Mart's "Teacher of the Year" award in 2006.

He also led high school band programs at Scott Central (1995-2004), where he received STAR Teacher honors in 1998; Stringer (1994-95), Neshoba Central (1991-94), Manchester Academy (1988-1991), Cleveland (1987- 88), North Sunflower Academy in Drew (1985-87) and Yazoo City (1982-86).

Girling has served as clinic and contest judge and as a band clinician and guest conductor. In addition, he has experience in organizing and administering clinics and contests. He is also a music arranger and composer and has served as a percussionist for various music groups.

He is a former president of the East Central Mississippi Band Directors' Association district and the Mississippi Private School Association. He is a longtime member of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association.

His community interests include serving two years as concert director for the Scott County Honor Band, which received superior ratings in concert and sight reading. He has also served as a director of several musicals in addition to performing in numerous theatrical productions.

He is a member of Carthage Presbyterian Church, where he

School coordinator.

A graduate of Pass Christian High School, Girling holds bachelor and master's degrees in music education from Delta State University in Cleveland.

He is married to the former Karen Stevenson of Cleveland. They have a daughter, Anna, a sophomore at Carthage High School.

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Rigdon is EC Healthcare Asst.

Monica Rigdon of Little Rock was recently named administrative assistant to the dean of healthcare education at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

Rigdon, who began her new duties on Aug. 2, 2010, served the past five years as an assistant in the College's Financial Aid Office.

She is a 1982 graduate of Parkway High School in Bossier City, La., and received an Associate of Arts degree from ECCC in May 1984.

She is married to Bobby G. Rigdon, Jr. They have a son, Adam Rigdon, a junior at Mississippi College.

Howell is EC Collision Repair Instructor

Luke Howell of Union was recently selected collision repair technology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Howell, who begins his new duties on Aug. 12, served the past two years as a collision repair technician at Marshall Ford in Union. He held the same position at Charlie Beddington Perfect Collision in Meridian in 2007-08.

Howell serves as student minister at Noxapater Baptist Church and is also a member of the County Line Volunteer Fire Department. He is a former music minister at Linwood Baptist Church.

Meet the Warriors

East Central Community College will begin the new athletic season by hosting the annual "Meet the Warriors Pep Rally" scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 31, on the Decatur campus.

Activities begin at 6 p.m. with performances by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band and cheerleaders.

Introductions of football and soccer team members are also scheduled and will be followed by remarks from coaches of both sports.

Members of the cheerleading squad and Centralettes, the dance line for the Wall O' Sound Marching Band, will also be introduced in addition to providing entertainment.

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McDyess joins EC ADN faculty

Tina McDyess of Newton is a recent addition to the associate degree nursing faculty at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, McDyess served the College as an adjunct clinical instructor. She has also several years of nursing and travel nursing experience at various hospitals, including Baptist Medical Center; Yuma Regional Medical Center, Yuma, AZ: Newton Region Hospital; and H.C. Watkins Memorial Hospital in Quitman.

Her community activities include serving as youth minister of The Spiritual True Holiness Church of God in Shubuta.

A graduate of Quitman High School, McDyess holds bachelor and master's degrees in nursing from the University Medical Center in Jackson. She was presented the Christine Oglevee Most Outstanding Nursing Student in 2004. She also has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi, where she was graduated magna cum laude in 2000.

She is the daughter of John and Pearline McDyess of Newton.

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ECCC to honor late Chief Martin

The late Choctaw Tribal Chief Phillip Martin will be posthumously presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by East Central Community College in October.

Martin, who died Feb. 4, 2010, at 83, will be remembered for his dedication to economic development, commitment to education and his leadership of the Choctaw people, officials said.

The award will be presented during ECCC homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 2 on the Decatur campus.

Martin's widow, Bonnie, and other family members are expected to attend the Alumni Association luncheon beginning at noon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria when the award will be presented by ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

"Chief Martin recognized the value of higher education and workforce training," said Dr. Sutphin. "ECCC entered into a fruitful partnership with MBCI and Chief Martin to provide educational opportunities and workforce training. Because of the chief's efforts, the college works closely with the economic development arm of the Tribe and staffs the Integrated Technology Training Center at Choctaw, Miss."

Martin, who attended ECCC in 1958-59, served eight consecutive terms as Tribal Chief, from 1979 until

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his defeat by current chief, Miko Beasley Denson, in 2007.

He was first elected to the Tribal Council in 1957 and sought to improve Choctaw housing as one of his early initiatives. In 1981, Martin persuaded then Mayor Allan King and the city of Philadelphia to issue bonds to lure American Greetings to what was then a new industrial park on the Pearl River Reservation.

The Choctaws used the bond money to build a 12,000 square-foot building, which was used by the greeting card company for 25 years. At its peak, American Greetings employed 150-250 people and had an annual payroll of more than $2 million.

For years Martin traveled across the country talking to CEOs trying to convince them to put manufacturing plants on the reservation. The Choctaws soon built their own industrial park and Martin's dream of "self-determination and economic development" for his people, was under way.

That dream became even more of a reality with the completion of the $750 million Pearl River Resort, which includes the Silver Star Hotel and Casino, Golden Moon Hotel and Casino, Dancing Rabbit Golf Club and Geyser Falls Water Theme Park, described as the "centerpiece" of the tribe's economic engine.

Martin helped bring many other businesses to the Choctaw reservation, among which included a wire harness operation, a plastic molding facility, and printing, direct mail, and construction enterprises, a shopping center and several high-tech manufacturing facilities.

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ECCC Warrior locker room renovated

New flooring was recently installed in the football locker room at East Central Community College in Decatur, thanks to a $5,000 donation from Citizens Bank in Philadelphia. Billy Singleton of CustomCrete in Philadelphia donated his services to install the concrete flooring and paint the design. Singleton was a member of the 1996 and 1997 Warrior football squads. "We are most appreciative to Citizens Bank and Mr. Singleton for providing our players with a first-class dressing room facility," said Brian Anderson, Warrior head football coach. New lockers were earlier added to the dressing room, with funding provided mostly by former Warrior football players. "Our locker room is now one of the best in the state," said Anderson, "and we thank those involved for their support."

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Board / Officials

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ECCC PHOTO

Annie Stowers (center) of Forest was recently honored for 10 years service as a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Stowers is shown with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin who honored the longtime trustee at the group's Aug. 10, 2010, meeting on the Decatur campus. Stowers was also recognized for her service and received a plaque of appreciation at the annual Mississippi Community and Junior College Trustees' Association Conference held July 8-10 in Biloxi.

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May joins ECCC Math faculty

Cathryn May of Chunky is a recent addition to the math faculty at East Central Community College in Decatur.

May joins the ECCC staff after serving as a math instructor at Newton County High School since 2000. During her 11-year tenure at Newton County, May received STAR Teacher recognition and served as department chair.

She is also a former math instructor at Newton County Middle School, Choctaw Central and Lamar high schools, and Meridian Community College. In addition, she was previously employed as an industrial engineer at Peavey Electronics in Meridian.

May is a 1987 graduate of Newton High School. She received a bachelor's degree in math in 1991 and a master's degree in 1992, both from the University of Mississippi.

She and her husband Michael May are owners/operators of Lazy Acres Plantation in Chunky. They have a daughter, Mikayla May.

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Purvis is EC Financial Aid Assistant

Felicity Purvis of Newton is a recent addition to the financial aid staff at East Central Community College.

Purvis, previously served as a financial aid specialist at Meridian Community College. She is also a former secretary at MCC's Career Development Center.

She is a 2002 honor graduate of Newton County Academy, where she participated in numerous activities. She served as editor of the annual staff and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Outreach Society, NCA Pride Club and Student Government Association.

Purvis is a 2004 honor graduate of ECCC, where she was a member of the Warrior Corps, Concert Choir and Mu Alpha Theta, an honor society for math students. SShe continued her education at Mississippi State University-Meridian and received a bachelor's degree in business administration in May 2006. Honors include her selection to Who's Who Among Students . in American Colleges and Universities.

She is a member of First Baptist Church in Newton.

She is married to Matt Purvis of Newton.

Her parents are Cathy Godwin of Hickory and Rocky Godwin of Newton.

She is the granddaughter of Simmie D and Donald Godwin of Newton, and Betty

Gregory returns to EC faculty

Ruth Gregory of Little Rock was recently selected accounting and business instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur..

Gregoryserved the past year as business and office technology instructor at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, a division of ECCC.

She is former business and office technology instructor at ECCC, where she served from 2004-2009. She is also a former English and Business Technology instructor at Union Public Schools.

Prior to her employment in Union, she served as Business/Technology Discovery teacher at Scott Central Attendance Center and taught English at Lake High School. She also served two years as English and business instructor for the Department of Defense Dependents' Schools in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

A graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, Gregory received an Associate in Arts degree from ECCC in 1982 and earned bachelor and master's degrees in business education from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1984 and 1985 respectively. She is married to Mike Gregory, operations manager of Georgia Poultry in Bay Springs. They have two children – Troy, a senior, and Danielle, a sophomore, who both attend Newton County High School.

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ECCC Alumna of the Year Completes Outstanding Military Career

From press reports

Brig. Gen. Amelia Kennedy, Ret., of Louisville, who was recently named Alumna of the Year at East Central Community College, has traveled to places throughout the world and holds degrees from four different colleges, but she said some of the best times of her life were spent on the Decatur campus.

Kennedy, who will be honored Oct. 2, 2010, during Homecoming activities said of the recognition, "It is indeed an honor and a privilege."

"I have always tried to relay to my soldiers and others what an excellent idea it is to go from high school to a junior college. It is a much easier transition. It is small enough that one is able to know everyone and make lifelong friends and a community college provides a good basic education."

After completing her associate's degree at East Central, Kennedy continued her education at Mississippi State University and and an American," Kennedy said.

Career stops have included a stint as a charge nurse and IV nurse for the VA Medical Center in Jackson from 1988 to 1992 and a radiological nurse and infection control nurse at St. Dominic's Hospital from 1993 to 1996.

Kennedy returned to the State Health Department and worked in epidemiology until 2001 when she began duties as the Deputy State Surgeon for the Mississippi Army National Guard.

At this time, she was also serving as President of the Mississippi Public Health Association and was Chairman of the 2001 Annual keynote speaker and did an excellent job, without having a single note or a moment's preparation."

Kennedy said the primary responsibility of her position as Deputy State Surgeon was to assure that the troops maintained medical readiness to mobilize and deploy. She was serving this role full-time in Jackson when Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005.

"I spent 48 days active duty after Hurricane Katrina, functioning as the Officer in Charge of the Medical Treatment Facility at Gulfport. This was a humbling experience that I would have hated to miss, but it was still quite difficult. There was no water, ice, electricity or bathroom facilities for two weeks. It made one appreciate everything we take for granted," she said.

She and her unit supported some 10,000 plus guardsmen from all over the U.S. who came to help with the cleanup efforts.

"I was able to ride in a helicopter over six counties in South Mississippi and see the devastation. It was a very sad time. We had to receive their healthcare locally and are case managed by the staff of the CBHCO. This prevents the soldiers from having to remain at an active duty medical facility for long periods of time."

Kennedy returned to Camp Shelby in 2007, where she served as Officer in Charge of Medical Soldier Readiness Processing.

"I managed a staff of 35 who medically and dentally prepare the troops for deployment. We conducted screenings, administered blood tests and vaccines , provided optometry checks, hearing exams, dental exams and case managed medical issues identified during the screenings. Some 50,000 soldiers are processed through Camp Shelby annually.

Kennedy recently retired from the military as Brigadier General after having served almost 27 years. She is a member of the Mississippi Public Health Association, the National Guard Association of the United States and the Associa-

Central student, Kennedy noted the changes that have taken place.

"When I was here you could only miss two classes per semester without an excuse. I think that is an excellent idea because it puts boundaries out there. We had an 8 p.m. curfew in the evenings, except for date night, which was one night per week and allowed you to stay out until 10:30 p.m.

"Girls had to wear dresses or skirts, no pants. When we would go to physical education classes we would have to wear a raincoat over our shorts.

Kennedy especially enjoyed participating in sports as a student.

"I considered myself an athlete. A tennis team was started while I was a student at East Central. Those of us who made the team traveled to games with the baseball team. I really enjoyed that! I also enjoyed playing intramurals."

She didn't know her roommate before classes started, but said they became fast friends.

friendships that I still maintain and obtain an education as well. I consider myself lucky to have been surrounded by good, hard-working people and good, Christian parents, as well as great educators. The late Brigadier General Denver Brackeen, who was Dean of Students at ECCC when I was there, was a great influence on my life and is the main reason I joined the military.

"I was also fortunate to have had the opportunity to go back for a second career. A lot of people don't ever have that opportunity."

Kennedy currently resides in Louisville in the home of her late parents, James Ernest and Polly Strait Kennedy. She works part-time as a registered nurse at Noxubee General Hospital in Macon.

In her free time, Kennedy stays very involved with her family, which includes her two sisters, Ina Eaves and Paula Parker, both of Louisville. She also has two nieces and two nephews and seven great-nieces and

obtained a bachelor's degree in social work.

She began working for the Mississippi Department of Health in 1974, primarily in the infectious diseases department. She was the State Director of the Immunization Program and was also the first Nurse Epidemiologist in the state. She also served on the Disaster Alert Relief Team (DART) and worked many disasters such as hurricanes, a railroad wreck and spill, MRSA outbreak, Hepatitis outbreak, Typhoid Fever cases and Tuberculosis outbreaks.

During this time, Kennedy returned to the classroom and earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Mississippi University for Women and the master of public health degree from the University of Texas.

Following the completion of her master's degree, Kennedy joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1983.

Meeting of MPHA, which began on September 11.

"I was already working full-time for the Guard. So I loaded up a van and went to pick up a friend who was going to the coast with me to attend the convention. When I got there, the TV was on and I watched the second plane hit the World Trade Center.

"It was just chaos. We had to change the entire program at the last minute due to the key speakers' inability to fly into Mississippi. Dr. Ed Thompson, State Health Officer at the time, became the

sissippi that received the most damage. Hancock County looked like splinters. I just couldn't stop crying."

In 2005, Kennedy went on active duty as the Case Manager Supervisor for Community Based Health Care Organization in Alabama.

"This organization covers the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee in managing the health care for those soldiers injured or becoming ill during the Middle East Conflict. The soldiers are allowed to go home,

tion of Military Surgeons of the United States.

"The best part of my career has been knowing that I had something to do with making sure soldiers were fit for duty and ready to be deployed and that I had an impact on their success-a positive effect on them."

While reminiscing of her days as an East

" Genie (Callahan Hall) and I are still friends today, although we only get to see each other once a year at the Neshoba County Fair, which I go to every year! Our dorm room was the gathering place. We also hung out at the Student Union and played cards.

"I was fortunate to make long-lasting

nephews who keep her busy.

"I have no children of my own, but I'm crazy about all of these. I plan to provide the shuttle to take these 'little people' to school, ball practice, ballet and all the while encourage them to come to ECCC to begin their college educations!"

"I always had an interest in the military. Through the Health Department, I enjoyed being able to work during disasters. I regretted not being able to serve in Vietnam or work during Hurricane Camille because I was not old enough. I felt like this was a good way to serve. I am extremely patriotic. I am proud to be a nurse, a veteran

Sept. 12, 2010

Harris picked for ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame

from school reports

Chris Harris was a three-sport letterman and helped lead the 1975 East Central Community College football squad to a 7-2-2 record and a share of the MACJC North Division title.

Honors received following his success on the gridiron include MACJC all-state and all-star recognition as a free safety.

Harris, who also found success as a coach, can now add another award to his list of accolades — selection to the East Central Community College Athletic Hall of Fame. The 1976 ECCC graduate will officially join the prestigious group during homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 2, on the Decatur campus.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be selected to be a part of this group in the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame," said Harris, who at 6-foot-3, 160 pounds, played quarterback and receiver on offense, safety on defense, and was a backup punter.

"I would like to thank Mr. Earl Marshall for the nomination and others such as coach Ken Pouncey, coach Willie Coats, and Jim Nabers (all ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame members) for their support of me over the years," said the ECCC administrator and Decatur resident. "My experience at EC has allowed me the opportunity to be associated with a lot of great people. Some, I have played ball with; others I have coached with over the years. All have had a very positive influence on my life."

Chris Harris

Harris, whose responsibilities at ECCC include serving as athletic director, director of personnel services, and work-based learning coordinator, said the highlight of his football career as a Warrior involved an upset win over Pearl River Community College played on the Poplarville campus.

"It was my sophomore year and we were going to Pearl River to play the No. 3-ranked team in the nation," he recalled. "We were obviously the underdog to the Wildcats, who were coached at the time by J.C. Arban (former ECCC assistant), a legendary coach who knew how to win. Needless to say, we played one of our best games of the year and won 16-9 in a hard-fought contest. I was fortunate enough to have two interceptions during the game due to heavy pressure being applied to the quarterback by our defensive front. It was a great day to be a 'Warrior.'"

Following the upset, Pouncey, who was head coach, praised Harris in an article about the game for his "outstanding defensive effort" in helping lead the team to victory.

Harris also excelled in baseball. He was the starting third baseman both seasons and was one of the Warriors' leading hitters, according to Coats, who was head baseball coach at the time, in addition to his duties as assistant football coach.

Coats said of his former player: "Chris Harris was the kind of player who always gave 100 percent effort in practice and in the games. Chris was the ultimate team player; always putting the team first."

Harris also played as No. 2 in singles for the EC tennis team.

Harris said "relationships" was what EC was all about:

"The most enjoyable part of attending East Central was the relationships that developed, both in the classroom and on the playing field or tennis court," he said. "Instructors displayed a genuine interest in you, and athletics were important to everyone back then.

"EC was my playground as a child, living across the road from the college. Many great memories exist as a child on the campus of ECCC."

Prior to attending EC, Harris was a standout in several sports while attending Decatur High School. He participated in football, basketball, track and tennis, receiving all-conference and all-district honors in football and basketball.

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WEEK OF Sept. 19, 2010

2 additions to EC faculty

Candy Anderson of Conehatta was recently selected Healthcare Advanced Skills Trainer at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Anderson, an adjunct nursing instructor at ECCC since 2007, previously served as pediatric nurse for Dr. Melody Byram for the past 11 years.

She has also served on nursing staffs at East Central Health Care in Sebastopol, Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian and Laird Home Health in Union.

Anderson attends Rocky Hill Church of God, where she serves as children's group leader. She is also a member of the Sebastopoolza Scarecrow Committee, an annual town celebration. In addition, she helped sponsor Saddle Up for St. Jude, a fundraising event, along with a group of other horse-riding friends.

She is married to Steven Anderson and they have three children: Cole, 13; Payton, 10; and Madalyn, one.

Misty Smith of Decatur has joined the English faculty at East Central.

Smith, who began her new duties on August 12, 2010, previously served as a member of the College's adjunct faculty.

A graduate of Union High School, Smith received an Associate in Arts degree from ECCC in 2006 and earned bachelor and master's degree in English from MSU.

She is the daughter of Becky and Tommy Yarbrough of Gulfport and Carroll Smith of Deatsville, Ala.

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ECCC's Oct. 2 Homecoming includes activities for all ages

The annual Warrior Fitness Challenge, tailgating, music, fun events for kids, alumni reunions and the annual battle on the gridiron are just a few of the activities included in East Central Community College's annual homecoming scheduled Saturday, Oct. 2, on the Decatur campus, announced Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations.

Dr. Hollingsworth said the theme of this year's celebration is "Remember When in 2010."

Homecoming week activities actually start with a tennis tournament for alumni and ECCC students, planned Sept. 30 – Oct. 1 on the College tennis courts.

The fourth annual Warrior Fitness Challenge, a 5K Run/Walk, begins events for homecoming day and gets under way at 7:30 a.m. near the Lady Warrior softball field. Registration is set for 7 a.m. at the College pavilion, located across from the softball field.

An added feature to this year's homecoming is an oral history collection pertaining to Founders' Gymnasium. Alumni and friends of the College who would like to provide their memories of the now historic landmark can do so from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. A video camera will be set up in Founders' Gym to record comments.

Registration for homecoming begins at 9 a.m. on the East Mall Patio located near Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Refreshments will be provided.

Alumni will also want to visit the Memorabilia Room in Burton Library, which will be open from 9 to 11 a.m.

Tailgating, music and other family activities get under way at 10 a.m. at the pavilion located on north campus. Special events are also scheduled for children, including inflatables, football throw, soccer goals, face painting and a rock climbing wall. The family activities conclude at 2 p.m.

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WEEK OF Sept. 26, 2011

EAST CENTRAL CC

McMillin, Harris added to ECCC Hall of Fame

from school reports

Two former football standouts will be added to East Central Community College's Athletic Hall of Fame during homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, on the Decatur campus.

Joining the prestigious group are Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin of Carthage and Chris Harris of Decatur, who will be enshrined during the annual Alumni Luncheon which begins at noon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

HOWARD CARLTON MCMILLIN

Although he tipped the scales at only 175 pounds, Howard Carlton McMillin was considered one of the toughest linemen to wear Black and Gold.

McMillin's coach, the late Arno Vincent, said of the

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squads, said he is "extremely honored, thrilled and grateful" to be selected for induction into ECCC's Athletic Hall of Fame. The 1950 graduate added, "I also continue to be grateful for my ECCC education. The football scholarship was the basis for my successful career as an optometrist."

McMillin

Harris

Dr. McMillin commented it was Vincent, who later became the College's third president, serving from 1953-62, who had "the biggest influence on my life" while attending then ECJC.

"On more than one occasion did Coach Vincent praise my abilities as a lineman," said Dr. McMillin of his "favorite" coach. "I considered his praise as the highest honor I received at ECCC."

Dr. McMillin mentioned one of the last visits he had with his former coach prior to his death at age 93 in Petal.

"Shortly before he died, I met him at homecoming, where he asked how was I doing," Dr. McMillin recalled. "I teasingly answered, 'Well, the bank took my

safety. Harris, who donned the Warrior uniform at 6-3, 160 pounds, also played quarterback and wide receiver and was a back-up punter.

Harris, who also found success as a coach, said being chosen for ECCC's Athletic Hall of Fame is "an honor and a privilege."

He also expressed appreciation to those responsible for his nomination.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL | LSU TIGERS

LSU not getting style points, just vic

game that's fine, but don't let the mistake carry over to the next play."

After a brutal early-season schedule that included losses to two ranked teams — Auburn and LSU — the Bulldogs now have an opportunity to make some headway.

Mississippi State (2-2) hosts Alcorn State (3-0), which plays in the Football Championship Subdivision, at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Davis-Wade Stadium. The following four games are against Houston, Florida, UAB and Kentucky.

That's not exactly a breeze, but it's also not out

defense, which kept Georgia out o on Saturday until late in the fourth the game was well in hand. Lineba Wright dominated, finishing with s four pass breakups, three quarterl and half a sack.

"I told our kids we're already go "If all we're concerned about is be already there and we can have a go we want to. But I see glimpses of d that's what we want to be. We want nant."

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ECCC's Alumnus of the Year.....

Bailey credits community for his success

After learning of his selection as East Central Community College's Alumnus of the Year, Bill Bailey of Decatur said, "I was stunned really to be recognized with this honor; however, my community deserves part of this recognition because without them I couldn't have made it. The town, the local communities, schools, churches, and others have all been a part of my success."

William Dunigan "Bill" Bailey, who will be honored Oct. 2, during Homecoming activities, and his wife, Louise, have owned and operated the Decatur Telephone Company since 1945 when they purchased it from Katie Perkins and Malley McWhorter.

other newer services."

"Our son (Dr. Mark Bailey) was in medical school and met a doctor from Columbia, South America who was trying to get different things sent back to his hometown. When he found out what Mark's parents did, he asked if he could talk to us about setting up a phone system there," said Bailey.

"We decided to fly down and see what they would need. Once we had evaluated the situation, then we called all the companies in the Independent Telephone Pioneers Association and told them what we needed to make this happen.

"Of course they were all willing to help. Even the cable company donated the cable. Once everything was

helped provide funds to construct a new entrance and landscaping for the ECCC football stadium, which was re-named Bill and Louise Bailey Stadium.

Bailey is a former president of the Newton Flying Club and holds a certified airman certificate. He has taught more than 50 people how to fly.

He helped to organize and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Newton County Academy.

Bailey helped to organize the Decatur Chamber of Commerce of which he is a past president, and was instrumental in Decatur being named a "Key Community." He is also a former member of the Decatur Board of Aldermen and served many years as a volunteer fireman. He is also a past president of the Decatur Business Club and served as chairman of the Decatur Revitalization Program.

In addition to making a donation to help build a new fire station in Decatur and to help purchase new fire equipment, Bailey also donated 75 acres of land to the Town of Decatur for an Industrial Park.

"Our basic telephone rate is the same today as it was in 1978."

A published author, he penned *"Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey,"* a recollection of war stories, his personal favorite stories and stories of his many years in the telephone business.

He is a member of Decatur United Methodist Church and has served on the church finance, pastor parish relations and building committees and the Board of Stewards.

Bill and Louise Bailey have been married 67 years and have two children. Dr. Mark Bailey is a neurologist in Birmingham and specializes in pain management.

Dr. Esther Bailey Smith completed her Ph.D. in business management and helps run the family business.

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At that time, there were 46 magneto telephones. Mrs. Bailey worked the switchboard 24 hours a day, while Bailey performed the outside duties.

"We had some college girls who helped out some during the day, but she (Mrs. Bailey) would work the switchboard at night," said Bailey. "We would have girls calling the switchboard and asking to speak to 'Mama' and she (Mrs. Bailey) would know exactly which one to ring just by the sound of their voices.

An updated magneto switchboard was installed in 1946, which was used until a new dial system was installed in 1950.

"Dr. Ed Pennington was the local doctor at that time. When he would go out to see a patient, he would always call the switchboard and let Louise know where to reach him. He was upset when we went to the dial system because he had to hire an answering service," Bailey said.

In 1978, Bailey brought in a new digital system that gave Decatur the distinction of having one of the first all-digital telephone companies in the United States. It also brought the number of available lines up to 1,600.

About this same time DTC began to offer all private lines instead of "party lines.

On bike, April 28, 1943... Home on leave and visiting with his mom and dad in Decatur in yard of the American Legion Hut. His parents lived in one end of the American Legion Hut.

collected, all the donations were put in a school bus and it was shipped to South America.

"We stayed two to three weeks and installed a phone company in the local school. They went from having one phone to 40!"

After completing one year at EC, Bailey hitchhiked to Meridian and joined the Air Force on July 9, 1940. He served five years in the South Pacific and at the Panama Canal during World War II, before returning and completing his degree at East Central.

Bailey served two additional years active duty during the Korean Conflict and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

As a student at East Central, Bailey said he had "a lot of fun."

"The train came through each morning about 2 a.m. Some of the students, and I won't call any names, would put soap on the rails. When the train would try to leave the wheels would spin on the rails and the train couldn't go until it was cleaned off."

Like most students in those days, Bailey had a job.

"I would paint houses for Mr. Leon Eubanks (former ECCC English instructor) for 10 cents an hour to put myself through school," Bailey said.

Bailey most recently

"That was one of the happiest days of my life," said Mrs. Bailey. "When we had the party lines, kids would play on them and adults couldn't make a call. So they would call the phone company. We didn't have to worry about that once we went to all private lines."

While keeping basic rates the same as they were more than 30 years ago, Bailey has also continued to keep up with the latest advances in telephone technology.

Copper phone cables are currently being changed to fiber, giving better service for the company's 2,400 subscribers.

"While the copper wiring allowed up to 24 private conversations per line, the fiber cable provides over 100," Bailey said. "It also allows broadband and

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US FLAG DONATED

A new U.S. flag is now prominently displayed in the lobby of Burton Library at East Central Community College in Decatur. Lucille Wood, longtime faculty member and former coach, made the presentation following a brief ceremony. Shown with the flag are,from left, Ann Burkes of Decatur, retired ECCC librarian and longtime adviser of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges; Richard Mayo of Decatur; and Kate Covich, current Theta Xi co-adviser. Wood presented the U.S. Flag in memory of Jack B. Mayo and to all past, present and future members of the College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Mayo attended then ECJC from 1948-50, where he was an outstanding student and football team member. He had a distinguished career in the U.S. Air Force, rising to the rank of captain. After receiving a degree in aeronautical engineering, Mayo became a test pilot for the U.S. Army and was killed while flying in an F-105 aircraft over the Gulf of Mexico. The Phi Theta Kappa award is named in his honor. Richard Mayo is a recipient of the prestigious award and a brother to Jack Mayo.

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ECCC RECEIVES FLAGS

MISSISSIPPI FLAG DONATED

A new Mississippi flag is now prominently displayed in the lobby of Burton Library at East Central Community College in Decatur. Lucille Wood, longtime faculty member and former coach, made the presentation following a brief ceremony. Members of the First 204th Air Defense Artillery unit in Newton, from left, Staff Sgt. Shannon Cooley and Sgt. Jonathan McDonald, both of Decatur, and Spc. Tracy Moncrief of Newton, are shown with the flag, given by Wood in memory of Major William Patrick Wilson and the brave men who served under his leadership during World War II. Capt. Wilson was commanding officer for Headquarters Battery of the Third Battalion located on the then ECJC campus. He led the battalion through 417 days of combat in the European Theater of Operations. Gen. Wilson served as ECJC football and baseball coach, dean of men, and led the Mississippi National Guard unit from 1933-42.

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EC special recognition

Receiving special recognition during East Central Community College's homecoming celebration held Saturday, Oct. 2, were recipients of the annual Alumni Association awards. From left are Bill Bailey of Decatur, Alumnus of the Year; Brigadier General Amelia Kennedy (Ret.) of Louisville, Alumna of the Year; Bonnie Martin of Choctaw, whose late husband, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Chief Phillip Martin, was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award; and Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin of Carthage and Chris Harris of Decatur, who were inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. The awards were presented during luncheon activities held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

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Honored

Nance Honored for ECCC Service

Jerry Nance (center) of Louisville was recently honored for 25 years service as a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Nance is shown with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, who presented the longtime trustee with a plaque of appreciation at the group's Aug. 10, 2010, meeting on the Decatur campus. Nance was also recognized for his service to ECCC at the annual Mississippi Community and Junior College Trustees' Association Conference held July 8-10 in Biloxi. (EC Photo)

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'Grove's Riley joins ECCC staff

Matthew L. Riley, of Walnut Grove, has been selected community based job training grant coordinator at East Central Community College.

Riley, who began his duties Sept. 16, joined the ECCC staff with experience in various work environments.

He is owner of Riley Consultant Group, in Carthage, company, established in 2009 which provides professional consulting services with emphasis on grant writing and management.

He was previously employed as court director for Hinds County in Jackson, from 2006-09.

Riley is also a former court administrator for Georgia Superior Courts in Gainesville and Athens, serving from 2000-06. His duties included grant writing and management and developing programs within the courts.

Riley is a lifelong member of New Friendship Baptist Church in Walnut Grove, where he serves as assistant adult Sunday school teacher and finance chairman.

RILEY

He is a 1991 honor graduate of South Leake High School

After completing his degree from ECCC in 1993, Riley continued his education at Mississippi Valley State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in social science in 1996.

Riley is married to the former Marie Cherry of Columbia. They have two children, Kymberli, 15; and Matthew, 10; both attend Carthage Public School.

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East Central preps to move downtown

East Central Community College could be establishing a presence square in the heart of Carthage soon.

Melanie Hartley, executive director of the Leake Development Association, said measures taken Monday morning by Leake County supervisors cleared the way for ECCC to set up shop on the south end of the town square.

Under the plan as explained to supervisors, and approved unanimously, East Central would pay $600 per month for three years in rent for what once was the county justice court complex.

In turn, East Central, via a grant administered by the foundation, would do some $21,000 in renovations to the building.

Leake County would pay utilities for the operation, which Hartley explained later could entail a number of educational functions.

East Central's presence in the town, she said, was nothing new, but the move would mean better quarters, more opportunities and a more prominent presence.

The effort is funded from part of a $1.8 million Community Based Job Training Grant awarded East Central in June, Hartley said.

She brought the matter to supervisors' attention shortly after that and, after Monday's approval, said she would scan the signed document to be e-mailed to ECCC officials and speed the start of the process.

"For several years," she explained later, "they have been a presence in Leake County; their mobile unit was set up at the vo-tech, so their presence is not new.

"However, relocating that unit to the square will only enhance our partnership."

In addition, she said, the mobile unit had simply worn out.

The community college's mission through the mobile unit, now the site on the square, however, has changed regularly and will likely continue to do so, she said.

"It changes over time," she explained. "They offer services based on the need of the community.

"An example would be if you had a small business and you needed your employees trained to your unique needs. East Central could do that for you."

The program and development, she said, were "a partnership with the Workforce Development Division" of ECCC, and the Mississippi Small Business Development Center at the Decatur-based community college.

What will result with the move, she said, will be growth.

"This site will allow them to set up more actual equipment needed for training," Hartley said.

"It will give them more classrooms, as well as allow them to have a more permanent presence."

Carthage and Leake County will enjoy, she said, a particular advantage in the program.

Lucretia Williams, a Carthage resident who serves work force development, "works with EC and travels to their other sites, but she will be centered here," Hartley said

Work to overhaul the building should start quickly, she said. "We will be working on renovations as soon as we can get the contractor moving on that."

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WEEK OF Oct. 24, 2010

EC Healthcare Advisory Council

An update on East Central Community College's health-related programs was provided during the recent Healthcare Advisory Council meeting held on the Decatur campus. Participants included (from left) Dr. Betsy Mann, Dean of ECCC Healthcare Education; Jess Williamson of Louisville, ECCC Surgical Technology student representative; Kristie Pilgrim and LeAnne Shirley, ECCC surgical technology instructors; Margie Majure, Director of Nursing, Scott Regional Hospital; Lori Luke, ECCC Associate Degree Nursing instructor; Gaye Flake, Director of Nursing, Neshoba County Nursing Home; Tracy Kilpatrick of Union, ECCC Associate Degree Nursing student representative; Katrina Bryant, Director/Instructor, ECCC EMT-Paramedic Technology instructor; Theresa Cole, ECC Practical Nursing instructor; Candy Anderson, ECCC Advanced Skills Trainer/Certified Nursing Assistant Coordinator; and Beverly Terry, Director of Nursing, Winston Medical Hospital. For more information on ECCC's health-related programs, contact Dr. Betsy Mann, 601-635-6294.

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Melissa Thrash Carleton (right) of Union is a recent addition to the East Central Community College Foundation Board. Carleton, shown with ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, serves as deputy attorney general for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. She is a 1990 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Mississippi, where she was a member of various honor societies. She also graduated in 1993 from the University of Mississippi School of Law and was editor of The Advocate. She is married to Robert W. Carleton III. They have a son, Robert W. "Hob" Carleton IV.

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WEEK OF Oct. 31, 2010

Former Warrior Corps Members Recognized

Former members of the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, an elite group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various campus events, were among special groups honored during Homecoming activities held Saturday, October 2, on the Decatur campus. Pictured are front row, from left, Maria Leach McLeod of Mize, Amanda Skinner of Decatur and Amy Lewis of Wesson; back row, from left, Bill Freeman and Matt Alford, both of Forest. ***EC Photo submitted by Karen Robertson, Secretary to the Vice President for Public Information, East Central Community College***

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Smith County Reformer

WEEK OF Oct. 31, 2010

Mrs. Joan Grimes

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Mrs. Joan Grimes

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ECCC Mississippi Humanities Council

2010 Teacher Award

"The Rich Cultural Heritage of Musical Theater at East Central Community College"

November 11, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium

This program is sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council.

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WEEK OF November 14, 2010

Observing Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Dressed in pink shirts in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, these East Central Community College science instructors are shown hanging ribbons on an "honor tree" in memory or honor of those affected by the disease. The honor tree is located in Cross Hall and has attracted numerous donations for the fund-raising project, sponsored by Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, an organization for science students. From left are biology instructors Sharon LeJeune, Patti Davis and Kim Hardy, and chemistry instructor Peggy Clayton. The instructors encourage others "to hang a ribbon in support of the fight against breast cancer and donate to research and patient support." (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF November 21, 20

Provide ABE/GED Instruction for ECCC

East Central Community College in Decatur continues to provide free Adult Basic Education and General Educational Development-Preparation instruction at various locations in the College's five-county district. In Scott County, classes are offered from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center. Serving as ABE/GED instructors in the Scott County area are (from left) Teresa Lovett and Zann Nutt, both of Morton. For more information on ECCC's ABE/GED Program, contact Ryan Clarke, director, 601-635-6279 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 279. The e-mail address is rclarke@eccc.edu. ECCC serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF November 21, 2010

Reunion time

Classes of '57-'58-'59 Hold Annual ECCC Reunion

Members of the East Central Community College classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959 met for their annual reunion during Homecoming activities held October 2, on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (front row, from left) Sara Moreau, Hank Moreau, Kenneth Dunagin, Jeanette Thrash and Lois Cooper, all of Decatur; and Nan Barrier Stamper of Union; and (second row, from left) Fred Austin Barfoot of Philadelphia, Pa.; Bubba Hudspeth of Louisville, Mack Shelton of Pearl, Sam Partridge of Colorado Springs, Co.; Johnny Neil Smith of Monticello, Ga.; and Carl Hollingsworth of Decatur. (EC Photo)

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These members of the East Central Community College Classes of 1979, 1980 and 1981 participated in reunion activities during the annual Homecoming celebration held Saturday, Oct. 2, on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (front row, from left) Libby Smith of Petal, Amy Harwell of Meridian, Valeria Miller of Union, Martha Alford Blanton of Carthage, Flo Harkins Henley of Starkville, Cheryl Comans of Cleveland, and Myra Murrell Davis and Evelyn Murrell Hampton, both of Forest; and (second row, from left) Mickey Vance of Decatur, Geedie Simmons of Hattiesburg, Raymond Reed of Brandon, Jamie Satcher of Northport, Ala.; Alexander Ealy of Morton, David Griffin of Decatur, Kent Holdiness of Louisville, Leah Livingston Donald of Starkville, Steve McKay of Columbus and Lori Hudson Luke of Hickory. (EC Photo)\

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ECCC 1950

ECCC Class of 1950 Reunites

Members of the East Central Community College Class of 1950 were among special groups recognized during Homecoming activities held Saturday, Oct. 2, on the Decatur campus. Those attending included (front row, from left) Pruitt Calvert of Louisville and Lloyd Youngblood of Knoxville, Tenn.; and (back row, from left) Chester Herrington of Louisville, John Webb of Greenwood and Robert McCrory of Benton, Ky. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF November 28, 2010

Cumberland named East Central WIA coordinator

Deana Cumberland

Deana W. Cumberland of Philadelphia was recently selected WIA/Dislocated Worker Program coordinator at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

Cumberland, who began her duties with the College's Workforce Development staff on Nov. 1, previously served as an employment interviewer for the Mississippi Department of Employment Security in Philadelphia, a position she held since June 2002.

She has also served as an assistant transcript evaluator in the Registrar's Office at Mississippi State University in Starkville and is a former information technology and accountant recruiter for the Betty Nash Employment Agency in Tupelo.

Cumberland is involved in various community activities, currently serving as publicity chair for the Neshoba County Relay for Life and promotions committee member for the Philadelphia Main Street Association.

A 1994 graduate of Noxapater High School, Cumberland received an associate's degree from ECCC in 1996 and earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Mississippi State University in 1998.

She returned to ECCC in 2002-03 and completed coursework in business administration. She has also attended numerous employment-related workshops and received training in a variety of business topics.

She is married to Brian Cumberland, comptroller at Chahta Holding Group, and has two daughters, Samantha West and Cynthia Cumberland.

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East Central Community College in Decatur continues to provide free Adult Basic Education and General Educational Development-Preparation instruction at various locations in the College's five-county district. In Newton County, classes are offered from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in Ethridge Hall, Room 10 on the ECCC South Campus. Serving as ABE/GED instructors for the Newton County area are (seated from left) Gloria Harms of Decatur and Mary Burt of Newton; and (standing from left) Ed McGowan of Lawrence, Robin Milling-Hubble of Decatur and Bryan Burt of Newton. Not pictured is instructor Larry Harms of Decatur. For more information on ECCC's ABE/GED Program, contact Ryan Clarke, director, 601-635-6279 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 279. The e-mail address is rclarke@eccc.edu. ECCC serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 12/5/10

ECCC offers new scholarship

The Kelley Humphreys Nursing Scholarship Endowment Fund was recently established at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Created in 2006 and organized for charitable and educational purposes, the scholarship honors Kelley Elizabeth Humphreys, who was a newly licensed registered nurse when she died shortly after beginning her nursing career at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson.

To qualify for the annual award, students must currently be enrolled at ECCC, Meridian or Hinds community colleges in a nursing curriculum leading to an associate or baccalaureate degree, or enrolled in the associate degree nursing, licensed practical nursing or registered nurse programs.

Applicants must also attend classes beyond the first semester (six credits) on a full-time basis and maintain at least a "C" average.

A U.S. citizenship and financial need are also criteria for the annual award, which can be applied toward tuition, books and academic fees.

The East Central Community College Scholarship Committee will select a recipient and make a recommendation to the CREATE board of directors for approval.

Applications are available at ECCC, Hinds and Meridian community colleges.

For more information, contact Randall E. Lee, vice president for student services at ECCC, 601-635-6375 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 375. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu.

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WEEK OF 12/9/16

Celebrates 50th class reunion

Observing their 50th class reunion are the above East Central Community College alumni who received special recognition during Homecoming activities held recently, on the Decatur campus. ECCC President Dr. Phil Sutphin presented "Golden Anniversary" diplomas to class members during a ceremony in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium. Pictured are (front row, from left) Jo Lynn Parker of Philadelphia, Lib Smith Hill of Forest, Nan Shields Morgan of Ridgeland, Patsy Dunigan Clark of Louisville, Ina Fay Leach Nelson of Union and Dinkey Morris Austin of Philadelphia; (second row, from left) Hilda Adair Blackledge of Quitman, Sue Butts Fountain of Natchez, Donna Kirksey Durr and Ann Sudduth Gordon, both of Raymond; Ollie Faye McNair Jones of Pelahatchie, Jean McMahan Easom of Meridianand Marie Hollingsworth Ezelle of Decatur; (third row, from left) Smith Wood of Eufaula, Ala.; Marvin Miller of Hattiesburg, Dick West of Prescott, Ariz.; Bob Baker of Tuscson, Ariz.; Doyle Jones of Pelahatchie and Tersie Oliphant of McComb; and (back row, from left) Bill Durr of Raymond, Billy Frank Alford of Forest, Gaines Massey of Brandon, Randy Miles of Muskegon, Mich.; Larry Brown of Madison and Richard Bell of Byhalia. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 12/14/

Harrison, Strickland scholarships established at EC

Scholarships honoring the late Rush Hospital Administrator Dan Harrison and current Rush Health System President/CEO Wallace Strickland were recently established by the Newton Community Health Foundation and Rush Health Systems for qualified students attending East Central Community College in Decatur.

Dan Harrison

The Dan Harrison Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship honors the Scott County native and ECCC alumnus "for his dedicated service to the delivery of quality healthcare."

Harrison served 25 years in several positions with Rush Health Systems until his untimely death in 2006. His career in healthcare ranged from staff registered nurse to executive vice president of Rush Health Systems.

A graduate of Scott Central High School, Harrison received an Associate Degree in Science from ECCC, an Associate Degree in Nursing from Meridian Community College, a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Mississippi and a Masters of Business Administration from Mississippi College.

The Harrison scholarship provides two annual awards of $500 each to assist deserving district students who are pursuing a degree in healthcare education at ECCC.

tinued his support of the annual event..

He is a former president of Medical Group Management Association of Mississippi. Strickland currently serves on the Great Southern National Bank Board of Directors.

A graduate of Decatur Attendance Center, Strickland received an Associate of Arts degree from East Central Junior College, a Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Alabama.

Wallace Strickland

The Strickland scholarship provides two annual awards of $500 each to deserving district students who are pursing degrees in healthcare education at ECCC.

For more information, contact the Vice President for Student Services Office, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 375.

The Wallace Strickland Rush Health Systems Endowed Scholarship was established "in honor and recognition" of the longtime hospital administrator and ECCC alumnus who began his employment with Rush in 1970.

In 1997, Strickland was appointed as the Assistant Secretary for the Board of Trustees of Rush Health Systems and in 1999 he assumed his current duties as President of Rush Health Systems, Inc., and subsidiaries.

He serHe is a past chairman of the East Mississippi Business Development Corporation and was instrumental in helping start the State Games of Mississippi and has con-

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WEEK OF 12-19-10

McLeon is EC top cop

Mitchell (Mitch) McCleon of Starkville has been anmed Chief of Police at East Central Community College.

"We are very fortunate to have someone with Chief McCleon's skills and experience as our Chief," said EC President Dr. Phil Sutphin.

The 1971 Beulah Hubbard high grad

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WEEK OF 12/20/10

East Central CC

Knight

Joseph O. Knight was recently named director of workforce development. He has been with the college since 2005. Knight attended East Central CC and holds a bachelor's degree in general business and a master's degree in workforce education, both from Mississippi State University.

Whitlock

Roger Whitlock has been promoted to dean of workforce education and development. He previously served as dean of workforce development. He joined the staff in 1994. Whitlock holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University.

David Case has gained new duties as the director of information technology. He will take more responsibility in the strategic planning for the college. He joined the staff in 1995. Case holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi, a master's degree from Millsaps College and is pursuing a doctorate.

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WEEK OF 1-28-2010

ECCC to host combine

FROM STAFF REPORTS

DECATUR — A recruiting combine for district high school football players will be held Friday at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Derek Pouncey, ECCC assistant football coach/camp coordinator.

Registration is scheduled from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

The combine will begin at 9 a.m. on the Warrior football field.

A $5 fee will be assessed to each player to help with insurance costs.

East Central serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

For more information, contact Coach Derek Pouncey, (601) 635-6244 or (601) 917-8340. He can be reached by e-mail at dpouncey@eccc.edu.

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WEEK OF 2-1-2016

Meridian's Tanksley signs with Arkansas-Pine Bluff

East Central had three sign with four-year schools Wednesday led by former Meridian standout Elijah Tanksley. Tanksley, 6-foot-3, had a team-high six interceptions for the Warriors, while registering 33 tackles.

Also leaving East Central are offensive lineman/long snapper Will McBeth of Leake Academy and wide receiver Antonio Ricks. Ricks caught 11 passes for 191 yards. McBeth signed with West Alabama and Ricks inked with Shaw University.

Previous East Central signees were offensive lineman Jarred Fleming with Troy, quarterback Emmanuel Taylor with UAB, defensive back CJ Estelle with Tennessee-Martin, defensive back Preston Felder of Meridian with Henderson State and defensive back Ken Griffin of Philadelphia with Delta State.

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TWO WARRIORS CHOSE ECCC

Nanih Waiya High School seniors Mackenzie Lee and Troy Taylor were expected to sign football scholarships with East Central Community College on Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Lee and Taylor were key cogs in the Warriors run to the Region 3-1A championship and an overall 11-2 record in 2009.

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ECCC WARRIORS MOVING ON

Continuing their football careers on the university level are the above former standouts at East Central Community College, who signed letters-of-intent during a ceremony held Wednesday on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are defensive back Elijah Tanksley of Meridian, who inked with the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff; offensive lineman/long snapper Will McBeth of Leake Academy, University of West Alabama; and wide receiver Antonio Ricks, Shaw University. Also seated is Brian Anderson, ECCC head football coach. Standing from left are Tanksley's parents, Billy and Nannette Tanksley; McBeth's parents, Dwain and Zela McBeth; Ricks' mother, Betty Moore, and his aunt, Norma Sanderford.

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Philly, Neshoba, Choctaw and Newton sends group to ECCC

After leading the Tornadoes to the second round of the Class 3A playoffs and a Region 5-3A title, Julian Riddle and Brandon Willis signed letters-of-intents on Wednesday to play at East Central Community College next year.

Willis powered Philadelphia's offense with 2,018 yards and 30 touchdowns. Riddle had 105 tackles, second-best on the team to 2011 Mississippi State commit C.J. Johnson, from his defensive end position.

Joining the Philly duo in Decatur will be Neshoba Central's pair of offensive lineman Justin Kilpatrick and quarterback/defensive back Jonathan Cantrell, Newton's linebacker/running back Eric Brown and Choctaw Central's Caleb Logan.

Logan was Choctaw's top receiving threat with 26 catches for 314 yards, while also registering 65 tackles as a defensive back.

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WEEK OF 2-8-2010

EC's next class focused on district players

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
Sports Editor

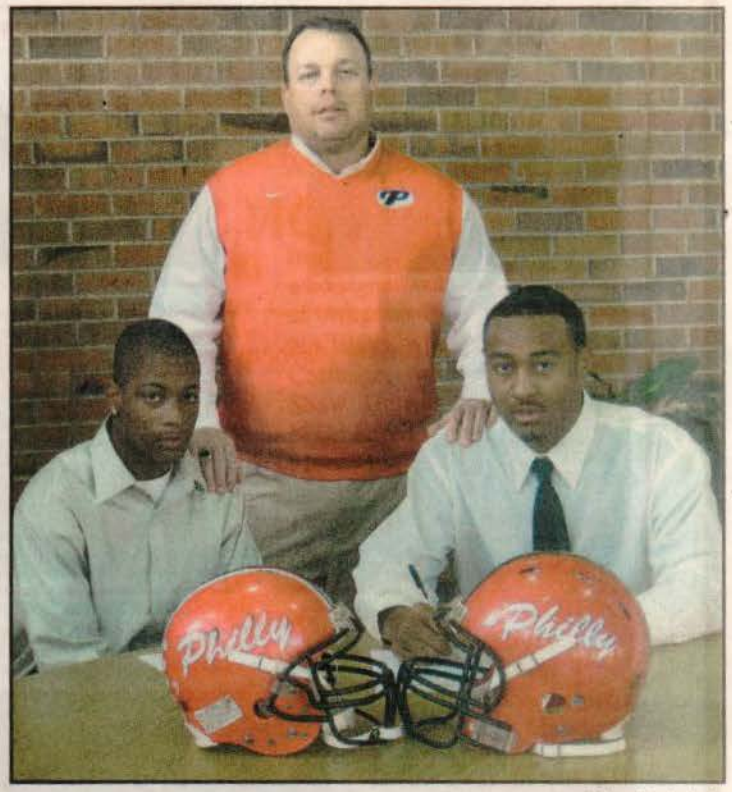
When Brian Anderson became the head football coach at East Central Community College in December, he promised his recruiting focus would first be on the teams and player in his district.

Signing day came last week and Anderson proved to be true to his word as 22 of the first 27 players signed came from schools in the district.

"We are very pleased with our recruiting class," Anderson said. "We stayed in our district and signed some outstanding football players. They are going to come in and help our program."

Leading the pack will be Brandon Willis, Philadelphia High School's 2,000-plus rusher. Another Tornado signing with the Warriors was lineman Julian Riddle. Neshoba Central lineman Justin Kilpatrick and quarterback Jonathan Cantrell also signed with ECCC, as did Choctaw Central's Caleb Logan.

Representing Scott Central will by Jimmy Broomfield, Chris Ficklin and Dominique Strong. Louisville High School is well represented by Cottrell Miller, Tate Rogers, Jimmy Owens and Jordan Christian. Signees from Morton include Bradley Dorsey, Percy Lewis, Emilio Warnsley, Deontae Harper and Marquise Parks.



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Two Philadelphia High School football standouts signed with East Central Community College last week. Sitting, from left, are, Brandon Willis, son of Dianne Moore and Brad Crockett, and Julian Riddle, son of Lesa Eiland and Julius Riddle and in back is Coach Teddy Dyess.

Those coming from Forest High School included Darnell Hughes and Keland Johnson. McKenzie Lee and Troy Taylor represent Nanih Waiya High School while Eric Brown comes from Newton High School. Kobi Woods will be coming from Noxapater.

"We still have several we are hoping to sign," Anderson said. "We will combine the incoming freshmen with our returning sophomore who will be the foun-

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McBeth, Ricks continue football careers

Former East Central Community College football standouts, seated from left, Will McBeth and Antonio Ricks, both of Leake County, are shown signing national letters of intent to continue their careers on the university level. McBeth, a 6'0", 250-pound offensive lineman/long snapper, signed with the University of West Alabama in Livingston. McBeth was named the Warriors' most valuable special teams player for the 2009 campaign. He is a product of Leake Academy. Ricks, a 5-10, 175-pound wide receiver from Carthage High School, inked with Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Ricks, who missed several games due to an injury, had 12 catches for 203 yards and four touchdowns. Also seated is Brian Anderson, ECCC head football coach. Standing from left are McBeth's parents, Zela and Dwain McBeth; Ricks' mother, Betty Moore, and his aunt, Norma Sanderford. (EC Photo)

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Warriors...

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for 1 p.m. at Smith-Wills.

ECCC and Holmes began their series Friday with the host Bulldogs claiming a 14-13 victory after rallying for four runs in the bottom of the ninth.

Richie Long of Carthage belted two home runs and Blake Lawson of Biloxi homered and doubled to pace the EC offense. Ernie Triplett was credited with a double.

Bobby Bryan took the loss for EC on the mound.

In the 9-1 win over Holmes Saturday, Long and Quin Stokes led the offense with two hits each.

Barry Meeks of Patrician Academy and Sweetwater, Ala., picked up the win in impressive style, as he fanned 14 batters through seven innings. He allowed five hits.

Leading the EC offensive attack in the 8-4 victory were Vincent Kortbawi and Darmaal Moore. Kortbawi belted a double and a single and Moore had two singles.

Lefty Pervis Mann got the victory, allowing four hits in six innings. He fanned seven.

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Warriors rally to get past Holmes

EC advances to state tourney

It's on to the "Final Four" of the MACJC State Baseball Tournament for the East Central Community College baseball team, which rallied to take a best-of-three series from Holmes Community College in first-round playoff action at Goodman over the weekend.

from school reports

The Warriors, who improved to 36-15 following a sweep of Holmes (9-1, 8-4) Saturday afternoon, will battle host Jones, 38-10, at 6 p.m. Thursday to begin the three-day, double-elimination event being held at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson.

The early game features Pearl River, 25-25, and Hinds, 27-19, in a 3 p.m. contest as the four South Division teams swept their North opponents.

Competition continues Friday and concludes with the championship game set

MACJC Playoffs
(Best-of-three series)
First Round

East Central 13-9-8, Holmes 14-1-4
Jones 12-8, Northwest 1-0
Pearl River 10-13, Itawamba 7-6
Hinds 12-7, Northeast 2-2

State Tournament
at Smith-Wills Stadium in Jackson
Thursday

Game 1: Pearl River (25-25) vs. Hinds (27-19), 3 p.m.
Game 2: East Central (36-15) vs. Jones (38-10), 30 minutes following first game

Friday

Game 3: Pearl River-Hinds loser vs. East Central-Jones loser, TBA
Game 4: Pearl River-Hinds winner vs. East Central-Jones winner, TBA
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Game 6: Championship, TBA
Game 7: if necessary, TBA

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DORSEY SIGNS WITH EAST CENTRAL CC

Morton High School Panthers senior Bradley Dorsey, seated left, signed a national letter of intent in February to play football at East Central Community College in Decatur. Joining him for the occasion was his mother, seated right; and standing from left, former Morton Head Football Coach David Parker, and Assistant Principal Clay Purvis.

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WEEK OF March 15, 2010

Blake Frazier named East Central defensive coordinator

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A McComb native, Frazier is a 2000 graduate of Southwest Mississippi Community College. He received a bachelor's degree in science from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2002 and earned a master's degree from the University of West Alabama in 2003.

He is married to the former Penny Hawks of Senatobia and they have an infant daughter, Maisey.

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Warriors' Willis signs with ECCC

Choctaw Central senior Chris Willis, left, signs a National Letter of Intent to join the East Central Community College football Warriors in the fall as his mother, Gloria Willis, looks on.

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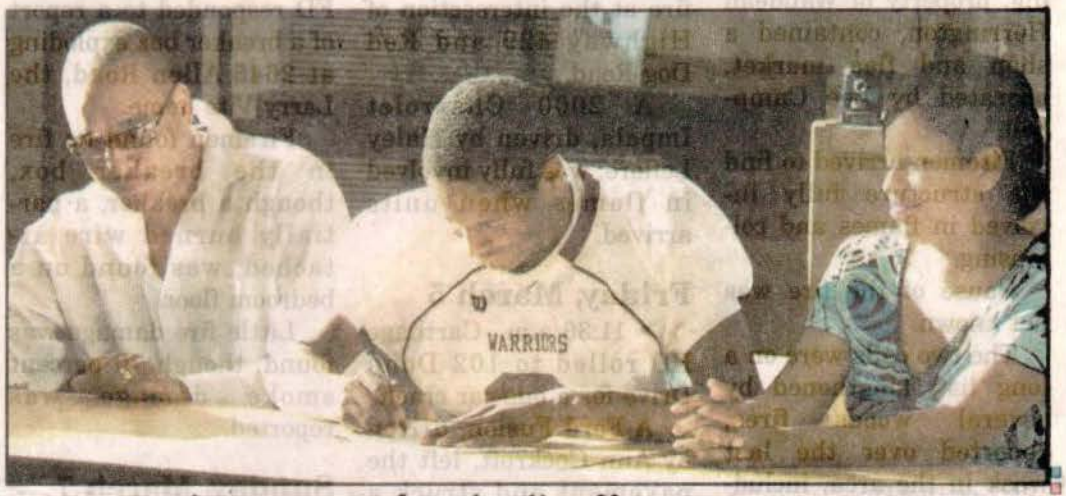

Logan inks ECCC football offer

Choctaw Central's Kahlon "Jack" Logan signs a scholarship offer from East Central Community College football Warriors with his stepfather Tony McGee and mother Lisa Logan there to offer their support. Logan will join the Warriors in the fall.

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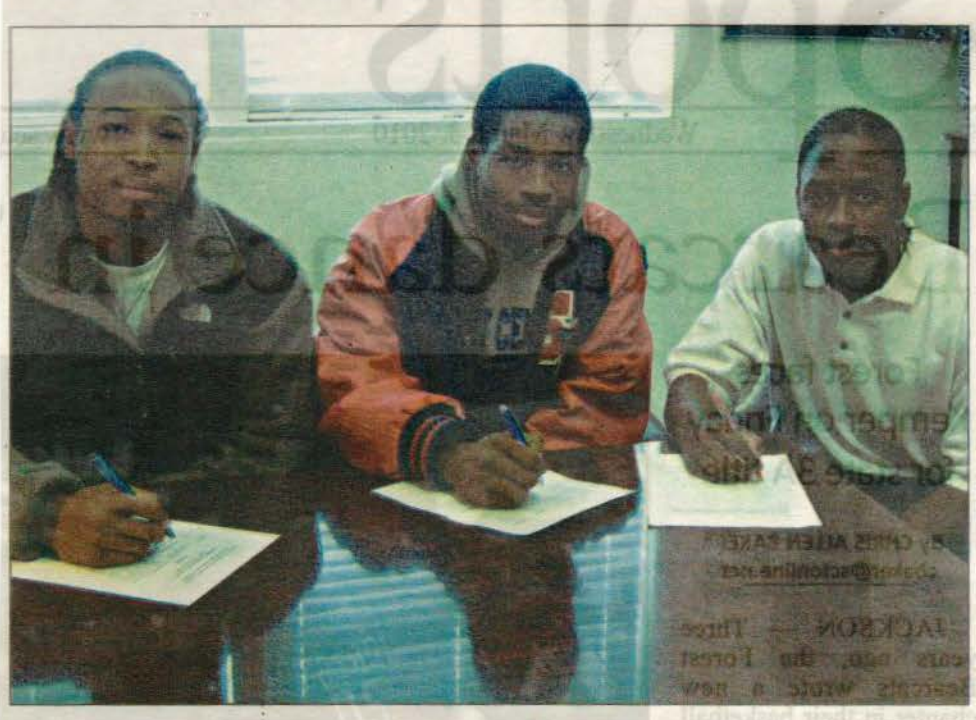

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Departing seniors of the 2009 Scott Central Rebel football team recently signed scholarships to play football on the collegiate level. From left, they include Jimmie Broomfield, Chris Ficklin and Dominique Strong. All three student-athletes signed to play for East Central Community College. During the February 3 National Signing Day, East Central picked up 28 high school athletes, and 10 of those from Scott County. More signing photos will be published in coming weeks.

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ECCC football tryouts Friday

from school reports

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Full-contact drills will be conducted on the Warrior football field.

Each participant should provide all football practice equipment, including mouthpiece.

A $10 fee will be assessed each player to help with cost of insurance.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Derek Pouncey, assistant football coach, 601-635-6244 or 601-917-8340.

His e-mail address is dpouncey@eccc.edu.

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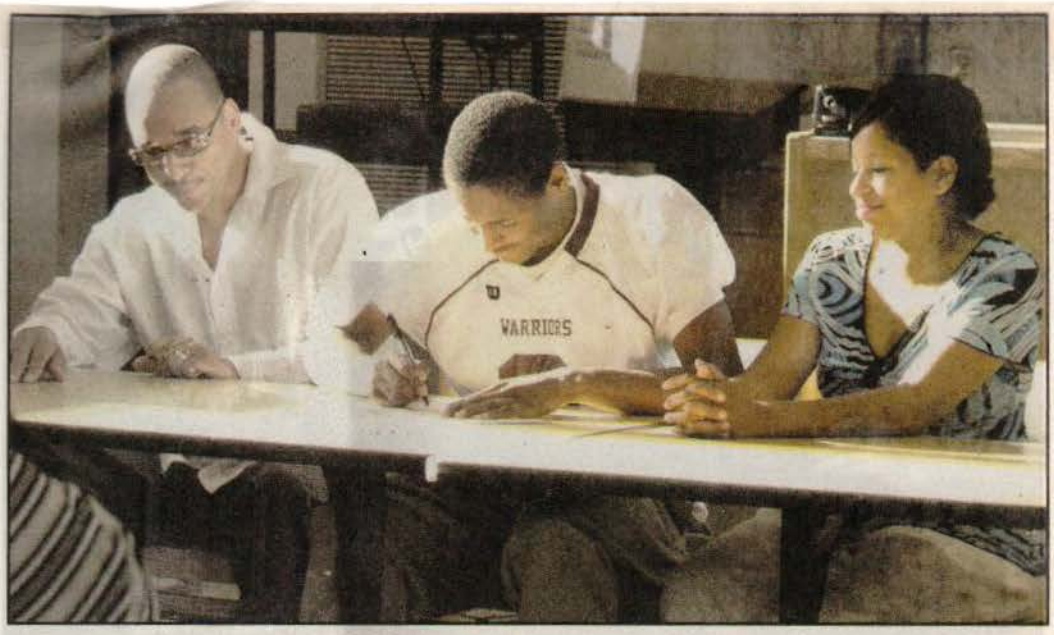
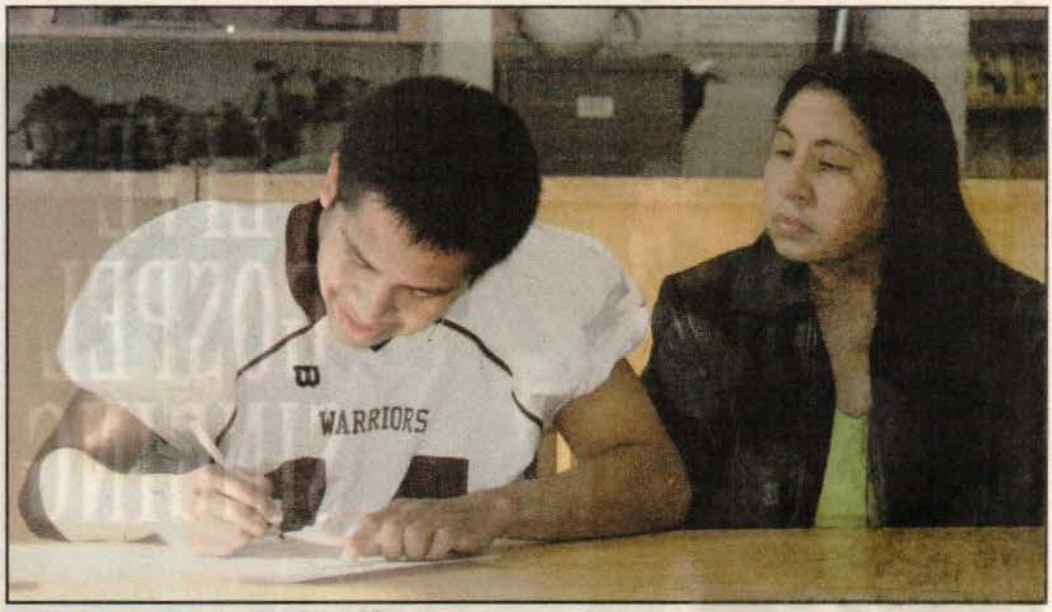


Warriors sign with East Central

Above, Kahlon "Jack" Logan, center, signs with East Central, while his mother Lisa Logan, right, and stepfather Tony McGee, left, look on. Below, Christopher "Poncho" Willis, left, signs with ECCC, while his mother, Gloria Willis, right, looks on.



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Johnathan Cantrell

Johnathan Cantrell signs a football scholarship with East Central Community College. He is flanked by Chief Keith Page and his friend Demetrius Lewis.

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Justin Kilpatrick

Justin Kilpatrick signs a football scholarship to East Central. At top left is coach Chuck Friend and his father Clyde Kilpatrick. At bottom is his mother Karen, left, and sister Kelly.

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PERCY LEWIS SIGNS WITH EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE: On February 3rd Percy Lewis, a senior at Morton High School, signed a National Letter of Intent to play football with East Central Community College. He is pictured with his mother, Denise Lewis and standing, left to right, MHS Head Coach David Parker and MHS Assistant Principal Clay Purvis.

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BRADLEY DORSEY SIGNS WITH EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE: On February 3rd Bradley Dorsey, a senior at Morton High School, signed a National Letter of Intent to play football with East Central Community College . He is pictured with his mother, Lenoria Dorsey, and standing, left to right, MHS Head Coach David Parker and MHS Assistant Principal Clay Purvis.

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EC anounces football tryouts

from school reports

Tryouts for the 2010 East Central Community College football team will be held Friday, Feb. 19, on the Decatur campus, announced Brian Anderson, head football coach.

Registration is scheduled from 9 to 9:30 a.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building, where drills will be held to determine each player's athletic skills.

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FREDERICK MARQUISE PARKS SIGNS WITH EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE: On February 3rd , Frederick Marquise Parks, a senior at Morton High School, signed a National Letter of Intent with East Central Community College to play football. He is pictured with his parents, left to right, Jerry Boyd and Melzeia Boyd, and standing, left to right, MHS Head Coach David Parker and MHS Assistant Principal Clay Purvis.

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Four Newton High School Tiger seniors, along with members of their families, school administrators and coaches, sat together Wednesday to sign letters of intent that will allow them to continue playing football while furthering their education. Linebacker Timothy Williams, seated, left) inked with the East Central Community College Warriors while three of his teammates made the choice to swap the Tiger Blue of Newton for the Tiger Blue of Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Seated second from left are linebacker Eric Brown, running back Frank Norman and offensive tackle Drexler Jones.

Photo by Jack Tannehill

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EMILIO WARNSLEY SIGNS WITH EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE: On February 3rd , Emilio Warnsley, a senior at Morton High School, signed a National Letter of Intent with East Central Community College to play football.. He is pictured with his parents, left to right, Gail Warnsley and Kennedy Warnsley, and standing, left to right, MHS Head Coach David Parker and MHS Assistant Principal Clay Purvis.

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DEONTE' HARPER SIGNS WITH EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE: On February 3rd , Deonte' Harper, a senior at Morton High School, signed a National Letter of Intent with East Central Community College to play football.. He is pictured with his parents, left to right, Charlene McCoy and Jeff Harper, and standing, left to right, MHS Head Coach David Parker and MHS Assistant Principal Clay Purvis.

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EC picked last in South Division by NJCAA

Second-year East Central head coach Brian Anderson and the Warriors have their work cut out for them if the National Junior College Athletic Association's preseason rankings are on point.

The NJCAA's predictions, made by its Football Panel Directors, place the Warriors at the bottom of its seven-team South Division, but Anderson, whose first year at the helm of the program saw the Warriors finish 2-7, said he was hopeful for better things this season in a recent press release issued by the school.

"We had a very good spring and feel like we have a nucleus to build around," he said. "I'm very pleased with our recruiting class and what these guys bring to the program.

"We look forward to beginning practice on Aug. 10 and have great expectations for the upcoming season."

Anderson, who also serves as offensive coordinator, said the Warrior offense will once again feature a "spread" attack with multiple sets.

"We're going to be aggressive...wide open...and will have more playmakers on offense which means we should be able to execute more big plays this year," said Anderson.

But the key to a successful offense obviously falls with the quarterback, which EC must find prior to the season opener as Emmanuel Taylor, the Warrior signal caller the past two seasons, is continuing his career at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

The Warriors will open the 2010 season at home against Northeast Community College on Thursday, Sept. 2.

The complete pre-season rankings for the South Division are:

1.) Mississippi Gulf Coast; 2.) Pearl River (13th nationally); 3.) Jones County (19th nationally); 4.) Copiah-Lincoln; 5.) Hinds; 6.) Southwest Mississippi; 7.) East Central.

Mississippi Gulf Coast enters the season ranked No. 5 in the country while East Mississippi followed at No. 7. Both are picked to win their respective divisions.

Blinn College in Kansas, the defending national champion, will begin the season ranked number one.

The Blinn Buccaneers are followed by Arizona Western College; Fort Scott Community College pf Kansas, which Blinn defeated last season in the NJCAA title game, and Navarro College of Texas.

The weekly NJCAA Top 20 Poll will be released each Tuesday during the season.

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Relieving the pressure

After shedding interim coach tag, Anderson eyes to improve ECCC

By Daniel Rigdon
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JACKSON — East Central Community College football coach Brian Anderson is entering his first season as the official head man of the Warriors program. Anderson, who acted as the interim head coach for the entire 2009 season, believes that the pressure is off now that the interim title has been shed and looks forward to improving ECCC's football program, which finished 2-7 for the 2009 season.

"It feels much better now," said Anderson of being named the head coach. "I didn't quite realize the pressure of what comes with an interim title and all that it would entail. It's time for us now to move on and do what we want to do as a staff and as a team."

Although the Warriors return several key players on the offensive side of the ball, the success to Anderson's big-play spread offense begins at the quarterback position. This is of main concern to East Central's staff as it lost star quarterback Emmanuel Taylor as he moved on to continue his football career at UAB.

Warriors at a Glance

Anderson

2009 record: 2-7
2009 finish: Lost 30-27 in overtime to Pearl River in regular season finale
Head coach: Brian Anderson (first year)
Assistant coaches: Blake Frazier, Kyle Watson, Fred Lyons, Derek Pouncey, Keith Houston, Randy Brunson, Jarvis Cole
League: MACJC South
Top Returnees: Radarious Owens, WR; Fred Smith, OL; .Gabe Loper, DB; Khalid Wilson, LB; Alaric Kearns, OL.

2010 schedule

Sept. 2	Northeast Mississippi
Sept. 9	at Northwest Mississippi
Sept. 16	Itawamba
Sept. 23	at Pearl River
Oct. 2	Hinds
Oct. 7	at Mississippi Gulf Coast
Oct. 14	Jones County
Oct. 21	at Copiah-Lincoln
Oct. 28	Southwest Mississippi

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East Central Community College wide receiver Radarious Owens, a former Quitman star, leaps over the defense last season.

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"You know you can't really replace an Emmanuel Taylor," said Anderson. "He was one of those special players that don't come around too often. We are trying to compensate for that loss by bringing in two quarterback athletes that should really help us out tremendously."

Those two quarterbacks are Blake Matherne and Dustin Land, each of whom brings an impressive resume with them. Matherne was named Mr. Football in Louisiana in 2008, while Land, who played high school ball in Florida, originally signed with Division I Iowa State.

"We're excited about our quarterbacks," noted Anderson.

Former Quitman standout Radarious Owens and Newton County standout Fred Smith are among the top offensive returners for the Warriors. Owens, a wide receiver, had 37 catches for 494 yards and two touchdowns in his freshman campaign, while Smith will do his part to lead the offensive line.

"Radarious brings talent and leadership to the table," said Anderson. "He's a great guy on and off the field and we will look to him for leadership on that side of the ball."

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2009 results

Coahoma	31-32
Holmes	27-24
Hinds	7-30
Jones County	10-32
Southwest Mississippi	20-21
Northeast Mississippi	34-28, OT
Mississippi Gulf Coast	19-49
Copiah-Lincoln	13-27
Pearl River	27-30, OT

Last 10 years

2000	6-4 •
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2002	3-6
2003	2-7
2004	4-5
2005	3-4
2006	2-7
2007	2-7
2008	4-5
2009	2-7

10-year record: 34-56

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The Meridian Star

East Central Community College wide receiver Fabian Johnson looks to avoid the Pearl River Community College defense last season.

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Two other Warriors to be on the look out for are former Philadelphia High star Brandon Willis and sophomore wide out Walter Grayson from Tuscaloosa County High School in Alabama. Willis, a 200-pound running back, has 4.4 speed and rushed for more than 2,000 yards last year for the Tornadoes.

ECCC's defense will look to be very aggressive in 2010 as they have implemented a new defensive scheme under defensive coordinator Blake Frazier.

"We're going to fly around the field and swarm the football," said Anderson of his defense. "Our players are doing a great job of learning the new defense."

Two key leaders on the defense will be former Newton County star Gabe Loper and Khalid Wilson of Wilson (La.) Academy. Anderson believes they will need to lean heavily on those two.

"Both of those guys have Division I offers right now," noted Anderson. "It all starts with them and they provide a lot of leadership and are great kids. We will need to lean on them throughout the season."

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Taylor and the EC offense was ranked third overall in the state and ninth in the nation by amassing 3,813 yards, a 423-yard average per contest.

Anderson knows replacing Taylor will not be easy, but he has confidence in several incoming players who are vying for the quarterback position.

"Blake Matherne (5-9, 180), who was Louisiana's 'Mr. Football' two years ago, accounted for 50 touchdowns as a high school senior and is a tremendous athlete, as is Dustin Land (6', 215) of Milton (Fla.) High School, who originally signed with Iowa State. They both have tremendous speed and possess great skills, which is what you have to have in the quarterback position. We are excited about both those guys," said Anderson.

Anderson said he is also impressed with several freshman linemen expected to battle for starting roles, including Cottrell Miller, a 6-7, 295-pound right tackle and Tate Rogers, a 6-1, 280-pound offensive lineman, both from Louisville; McKenzie Lee, a 6-4, 325-pound left tackle from Nanih Waiya; and Andre Lucious, a 6', 310-pound offensive guard from Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County.

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ECCC Warriors to be 'more aggressive' in 2010

From press reports

The 2009 campaign was somewhat of a "whirlwind" for then "interim" East Central Community College head coach Brian Anderson, who was tapped to guide the Warrior football program just a few weeks prior to the season opener.

Anderson, who had joined the ECCC staff in 2008 as offensive coordinator, said being named head coach was "a blessing," despite the unusual circumstances.

"When things happen like they did last year, you just do the best you can," said the former Mississippi State University football standout and Prattville, Ala., native. "Last year we really did not have time to put things in place and do the things we wanted to do. We felt we were behind in recruiting and were always trying to catch up."

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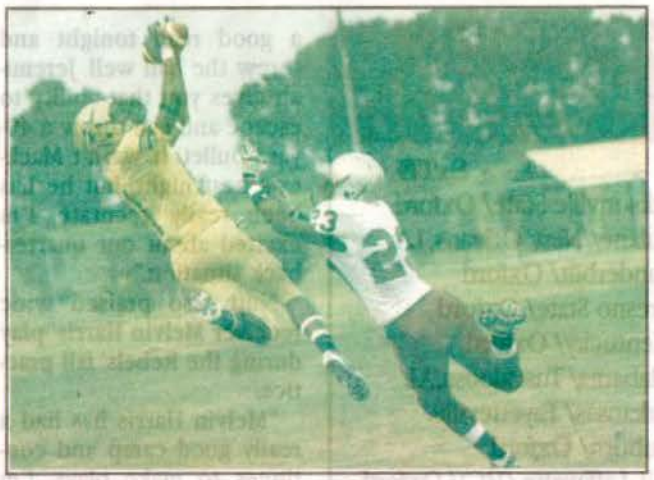

ECCC Warrior makes the play.

Some of the top offensive returnees include wide receivers Radarius Owens (5-10, 180) of Quitman and Walter Grayson (6-6, 200) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County High School; center Lester Jackson (5-10, 260) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central; left guard Fred Smith (6-1, 280), a product of Newton County High School; and right guard Alaric Keams (6-3, 280) of Choctaw Central.

Owens, whom Anderson refers to as "Mr. Consistent," was among the league's top receivers in 2009 with 37 tion and former standout at Early County High School in Blakely, Ga., was ranked third nationally in total yards per game, completing 154 of 277 pass attempts for 2,241 yards and 15 touchdowns, and rushing for 627 yards on 98 carries, a 6.4-yard average per carry.

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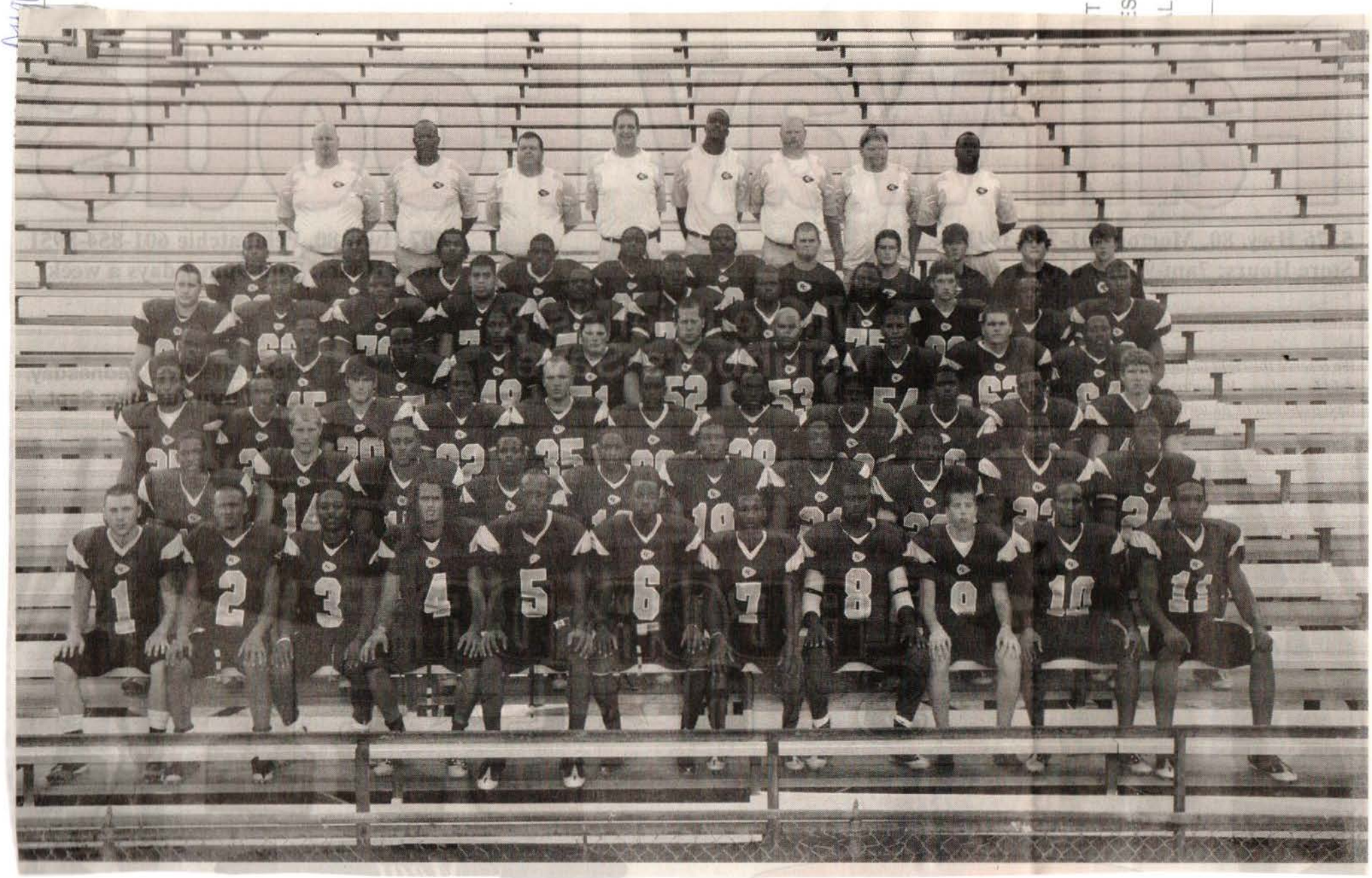

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ECCC Warrior Football Team --- Members of the 2010 East Central Community College football team and their respective high schools include (first row, from left) quarterback (1) Blake Matherne, Belle Chasse, Boothville, LA; wide receiver (2) Fabian Johnson, Coahoma County, Clarksdale; running back (3) Caleb Porzell, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Silver Springs, MD; wide receivers (4) Corey Collier and (5) Walter Grayson, both of Tuscaloosa (AL) County; defensive back (6) Gabe Loper, Newton County; wide receiver (7) Reginald Hall, Neville, Monroe, LA; linebacker (8) Duane Bilbro, Morton; punter/kicker (9) Jason Loris, Moss Point; wide receiver (10) Radarius Owens, Quitman; and linebacker (11) Demarcus Lewis, Quitman; (second row, from left) defensive back (12) Georgio Grace, Philadelphia; quarterback (14) Dustin Land, Milton HS, FL; linebacker (15) Julian Riddle, Philadelphia; wide receiver (16) Deonte Harper, Morton; defensive back (18) Nick Maybell, Simmons HS, Hollandale; wide receiver (19) Zachary Pendleton, Forest Hill; defensive back (21) Korey Brown, Berkeley HS, Moncks Corner, SC; running back (22) Roderick Hawkins, Union; and linebackers (23) Eddie Terry of Pascagoula and (24) Bobby Thigpen, Forest; (third row, from left) defensive back (25) Jimmy Broomfield, Scott Central; defensive back (28) Montrae Smith, South Jones; linebacker (30) Chris McCarty, Raleigh; running back (32) Brandon Willis, Philadelphia; defensive lineman (35) Emilio Warnsley, Morton; defensive back (36) Dominique Strong, Scott Central; defensive end (38) Frankie Gale, West Lauderdale; defensive back (39) Savante Alexander, Simmons HS, Hollandale; running back (40) Dennis Lewis, West Lauderdale; and running back (42) Darius Wren, West Lauderdale; defensive back (43) Tyler Robinson, Newton County; (fourth row, from left) linebacker (44) Rufus Williams, Astronaut HS, Mims, FL; linebacker (45) Chris Ficklin, Scott Central; linebacker (47) James Loper, Lake; linebacker (48) Eric Brown, Newton; offensive lineman (51) Prestan Caldwell, Harrison Central; offensive lineman (52) Tate Rogers, Louisville; offensive lineman (53) Lester Jackson, Tuscaloosa Central; linebacker (54) Daniel Holt, Northside (AL); offensive lineman (62) Justin Kilpatrick, Neshoba Central; and offensive lineman (64) Marquese Parks, Morton; (fifth row, from left) offensive lineman (65) Brandon Fedrick, Neshoba Central; offensive lineman (66) Mackenzie Lee, Nanih Waiya; offensive lineman (70) Andre Lucious, Tucaloosa County; offensive lineman (71) Alaric Keams, Choctaw Central; defensive lineman (72) Khalid Wilson, OP Walker HS, New Orleans; offensive lineman (73) Cottrell Miller, Louisville; offensive lineman (74) Fred Smith, Newton County; defensive lineman (75) Jeremy Finley, Meridian; tight end (80) Nick Boykin, Sebastopol; wide receiver (81) Terrance Taylor, Morton; and defensive end (83) Marcus Arrington, Bay Springs; (sixth row, from left) linebacker (90) Jeffery Wilson, Lake; defensive lineman (94) Montego May, Thomastown; defensive end (95) Timothy Williams, Newton; defensive lineman (96) LaCurtis Walton, Carthage; defensive lineman (97) Lavert Smith, Noxubee County; defensive lineman (98) Kalvin Smith, Newton; and managers Payton Pierce, Leake Academy; Jason Goodin, Neshoba Central; Chris Gannan, Leake Academy; Kerry King, Nanih Waiya and T.J. Kilgore, Neshoba Central; and (top row, from left) coaches Kyle Watson (offensive line/special teams), Fred Lyons (defensive line), Blake Frazier (defensive coordinator), Brian Anderson (head coach/offensive coordinator), Keith Houston (defensive backs), Randy Brunson (defensive ends), Derek Pouncey (wide receivers) and Jarvis Cole (defensive coach intern). Not pictured are wide receivers Kasey Akins of Starkville High School and Kahlon Logan of Choctaw Central; defensive end LaDerrick Vaughn, a product of Masassas High School in Memphis, and managers Michael Lee and Justin Bates, both of Nanih Waiya. **(EC Photo)**

The 2009 campaign was somewhat of a "whirlwind" for then "interim" East Central Community College head coach Brian Anderson, who was tapped to guide the Warrior football program just a few weeks prior to the season opener.

Anderson, who had joined the ECCC staff in 2008 as offensive coordinator, said being named head coach was "a blessing," despite the unusual circumstances.

"When things happen like they did last year, you just do the best you can," said the former Mississippi State University football standout and Prattville, Ala., native. "Last year we really did not have time to put things in place and do the things we wanted to do. We felt we were behind in recruiting and were always trying to catch up."

Anderson, whose Warriors went 2-7 in 2009 with three of the losses by a total five points, said he feels "much better" about the upcoming season, even though the team includes just 15 returnees.

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Taylor and the EC offense was ranked third overall in the state and ninth in the nation by amassing 3,813 yards, a 423-yard average per contest.

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Anderson said he is also impressed with several freshman linemen expected to battle for starting roles, including Cottrell Miller, a 6-7, 295-pound right tackle and Tate Rogers, a 6-1, 280-pound offensive lineman, both from Louisville; McKenzie Lee, a 6-4, 325-pound left tackle from Nanih Waiya; and Andre Lucious, a 6', 310-pound offensive guard from Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County.

Defensively, Anderson said the Warriors will be "faster ... more aggressive...and will apply more pressure" during each play this fall.

"We're going to fly around, move around and swarm the football," said Anderson, who has turned the defense over to Blake Frazier, a former defensive coordinator at Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia.

"Our players did a great job learning our new defensive philosophy and working with Coach Frazier," he said. "I'm really excited about our defense."

Top defensive returnees include cornerback Gabe Loper (6-3, 195), a product of Newton County High School, defensive lineman Khalid Wilson (6-1, 315) of Wilson Academy in New Orleans and linebacker DeMarcus Lewis (5-11, 185) of Quitman.

Anderson said Loper and Wilson are receiving a lot of attention on the Division I level.

"Gabe will be one of our defensive leaders this fall and we expect great things from him. He will probably sign with a Southeastern Conference team," Anderson said. "Wilson will be one of the better interior linemen this year and was a top 12 tackler in the league last year as a freshman (42 tackles and 12 assists). Demarcus is a third-year player...and is referred to as the 'old man' on the team. He is also a quality player."

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Warriors look for third straight over Northeast

from school reports

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Anderson, who officially became ECCC's head football coach following the 2009 campaign, said he expects the Tigers to have a little revenge on their minds.

"We were very fortunate to win last year's game...very fortunate," Anderson said of the come-back win. "Northeast did a great job of recruiting after the 2008 season and had a much, much different team in 2009. They lost a lot of sophomores to Division I schools last year, and I know they will reload just like they did the year before and really come at us. It should be a great game."

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ECCC will get that chance beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Warrior Stadium.

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East Central Community College's Reggie Hall finds some running room on a kickoff return Thursday night against Northeast Mississippi Community College at Bailey Stadium.

Own worst enemy

ECCC loses four fumbles in blowout loss to Northeast

By Marty Stamper
Special to the Star

DECATUR — A year ago, the East Central Community College Warriors rallied from a two-touchdown deficit to defeat Northeast Mississippi Community College and win their homecoming game.

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In Thursday's rematch, the Tigers made sure they wouldn't blow another two-touchdown lead as they extended their advantage to four touchdowns in a 34-6 win.

"They've got a few really good players, but the bottom line is we didn't control us," said ECCC head coach Brian Anderson. "We didn't handle us. We didn't execute offensively. We didn't protect the ball on special teams. We didn't protect the ball offensively. We had turnovers in our hands defensively and didn't take them. We just didn't play well at all.

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Northeast took a 7-0 lead on a 12-yard pass from Clint Wilson to Josh Jarboe just beyond the goal line with 6:20 to go in the first quarter. Wilson and Jarboe hooked up on another 12-yard scoring toss in the left corner of the end zone with 2:01 remaining in the opening period for a 14-0 advantage.

By halftime, Wilson was 16-of-28 passing for 277 yards with Jarboe having five receptions for 97 yards.

"There's not a better receiver in this state (than Jarboe) and if you give any quarterback the time that (Wilson) had, it's going to be a long night," Anderson said.

ECCC closed to within 14-6 on a 24-yard pass from Blake Matherne to Walter Grayson with 12:45 left in the second quarter. The Warriors' scoring drive covered 57 yards in seven plays. Jason Loris missed the PAT however, and the Warriors would not score again.

The Tigers answered on their next possession, covering 59 yards in five plays with Wilson finding Johnathan Johnson on a 9-yard touchdown pass with 10:30 to go in the half. The drive's big gain was a 39-yard pass from Wilson to Jarboe.

Northeast drove 58 yards in five plays and extended its lead to 28-6 when Wilson found Dante Barksdale open over the middle with 54 seconds left in the half.

Although neither team scored in the third quarter, the Warriors threatened late in the period as they drove to the Northeast 16, but Matherne fumbled with Northeast's Johnathan Bates returning the ball 72 yards to the ECCC 6. ECCC fumbled the ball five times with the Tigers recovering four of the Warriors' miscues.

Jamarcus Goodloe scored on the next play to put Northeast up 34-6 with 11:04 left in the game.

ECCC travels to Senatobia next Thursday to take on Northwest Mississippi.

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East Central Community College's Terrance Taylor tries to turn upfield after a pass reception against Northeast Mississippi Community College on Thursday night at Bailey Stadium.

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ECCC opens season Thursday with NE

from school reports

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These former Scott County football standouts are members of the 2010 East Central Community College Warrior squad. Kneeling from left are defensive back (36) Dominique Strong, a product of Scott Central High School; defensive lineman (35) Emilio Warnsley, Morton; defensive back (25) Jimmy Broomfield, Scott Central; linebacker (24) Bobby Thigpen, Forest; and wide receiver (16) Deonte Harper and linebacker (8) Duane Bilbro, both of Morton. Standing from left are linebacker (90) Jeffrey Wilson, Lake; wide receiver (81) Terrance Taylor, Morton; tight end (80) Nick Boykin, Sebastopol; offensive lineman (64) Marquese Parks, Morton; and linebackers (47) James Loper of Lake and (45) Chris Ficklin of Scott Central. The ECCC football program is led by head coach Brian Anderson. Staff members are Blake Frazier, Kyle Watson, Fred Lyons, Derek Pouncey, Keith Houston, Randy Brunson and Jarvis Cole.

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WEEK OF Sept. 9, 2010

ECCC Drops Season Opener to Northeast, 34-6

A third-straight win over Northeast Mississippi Community College was not to be for East Central Community College's Warriors who were thumped 34-6 by the Tigers Thursday night before an overflow crowd at Bailey Stadium on the Decatur campus.

East Central, which trailed 28-6 at halftime, could not muster enough offense to mount a come-back in the season opener for both squads, unlike last season when the Warriors overcame a late two-touchdown deficit in posting a 34-28 homecoming win in overtime.

Brian Anderson, whose "interim" title as Warrior head football coach was removed following the 2009 campaign, was obviously disappointed in his team's performance.

"They've (Northeast) got a few really good players, but the bottom line is we didn't control us," Anderson said in a post-game interview. "We didn't handle us. We didn't execute offensively. We had turnovers in our hands defen- league has players. If you don't play well, you're going to have a hard time."

Northeast's offense moved at will in the early going against the Warriors in building a 14-0, first-quarter lead and a 22-point advantage at the break.

Quarterback Clint Wilson, a 5-10, 200-pound sophomore from Olive Branch, led the Northeast offense by completing 16 of 28 passes for 277 yards and four scores in the first half. Wilson and Josh Jarboe, a 6-3, 200-pound sophomore wide receiver from Atlanta, Ga., connected on the first two scores, both coming on 12-yard pass plays following 47- and 69-yard drives, respectively.

The Warriors narrowed the scoring margin to 14-6 early in the second period on a 24-yard touchdown strike from quarterback Blake Matherne to wide receiver Walter Grayson, capping a 57-yard drive in seven plays. Jason Loris' PAT attempt was not successful. Matherne is a 5-9, 180-pound product of Belle Chasse High School in

Grayson's TD Grab!

Walter Grayson scored the Warriors' only touchdown on this 24-yard yard reception in the end zone from quarterback Blake Matherne early in the second period, which cut the Northeast advantage to 14-6. Grayson is a 6-6, 205-pound sophomore receiver from Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County High School. Also shown is Northeast defensive back Johnathan Bates (34) of Tuscumbia, Ala. ECCC fell 34-6 to the visiting Tigers in the season opener for both squads. (EC Photo)

took just one play for the Tigers to score, as running back Jamarcus Goodloe of

Dustin Land also saw action and completed three of six attempts for minus six yards.

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Anderson knows his young team – which includes only 16 returnees – will need to show vast improvement when the Warriors begin MACJC South Division competition Sept. 23 at Pearl River, after battling two more North Division opponents in home-standing Northwest on Sept. 9 and visiting Itawamba on Sept. 16. Northwest won its season opener 27-17 over Pearl River and Itawamba was outscored by Hinds 52-31.

"We've got a lot of young players," Anderson continued. "We started over and I was very anxious to see how we would respond and we responded like a very young, immature football team. We went out there and didn't make things happen. We waited on other people to do things. Everybody in this

Boothville, La., and Grayson, at 6-6, 205, hails from Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County High School. Loris is a 5-10, 160-pound product of Moss Point High School.

The Tigers responded with two more scoring pass plays – the first on a 10-yard strike from Wilson to wide receiver Johnathan Johnson of West Helena, Ark., with 10:30 left before halftime, and a 42-yard completion from Wilson to wide receiver Dante Barksdale of Southaven with 54 seconds remaining until the break.

After a scoreless third period, the Warriors threatened to score early in the final stanza but a fumble by Matherne was scooped up on the 16-yard line by Tiger defensive back Johnthan Bates of Tuscumbia, Ala., who returned the miscue 72 yards to the Warrior six. It

Leighton, Ala., found the end zone with 11:04 remaining. Taylor Earhart missed his only PAT of the night following the game's final score. Earhart is from Olive Branch.

EC drove into Tiger territory on the ensuing possession but a fumble by running back Rod Hawkins of Union nipped the drive on the Northeast 44. EC lost possession on three of four fumbles during the non-division matchup.

The Warriors threatened to score late in the contest, driving from their 19 to the Northeast six. But the drive ended when Matherne was sacked at the 19-yard-line on fourth and seven with 12 seconds left.

Matherne completed his debut as the Warrior signal caller by connecting on 12 of 19 passes for 106 yards and one score. Back-up

Land is a 6-1, 210 signal caller from Milton (Fla.) High School.

Kasey Akins, a 5-5,170-pound wide receiver from Starkville, was the top receiver with two catches for 33 yards. Grayson had one catch – the 24-yard touchdown reception. Zach Pendleton, a 6-3, 185-pound wide receiver from Forest Hill, had three catches for 18 yards and Fabian Johnson, a 5-10, 180-pounder receiver from Coahoma County High School, had one reception for 18 yards.

The Warriors had 167 yards rushing and were led by Hawkins, who rushed 13 times for 70 yards.

Punter Emilio Warnsley of Morton had five boots for a 34.6-yard average. Caleb Porzell punted once for 34 yards and Loris had one

attempt for 33 yards. Porzell is a running back from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Silver Springs, Maryland.

Wilson finished the night by completing 18 of 35 passes for 271 yards and four scores. He had one interception, registered by Warrior linebacker Damarcus Lewis, a 6-1, 190-pound product of Quitman High School. Wilson's top receiver was Barksdale, who had four catches for 101 yards and one score. Jarboe finished with five grabs for 87 yards and two touchdowns.

The Tigers were limited to 70 yards on the ground and were led by Jaquise Cook of Ripley with 40 yards on nine carries.

Each team had 15 first downs East Central hits

the road this week to take on Northwest Thursday, Sept. 9. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. on the Senatobia campus.

All Warrior football games can be heard on the College Web site (**www.eccc.edu**) or on KICKS 98 (98.3 FM), featuring veteran broadcasters Melvin Wooten and Gilbert Barham. Fans can also follow game action on **www.twitter.com/Go_Warriors**.

WEEK OF Sept. 5, 2010

Warriors ready to hit road

By Jamie Wachter
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East Central Community College coach Brian Anderson is anxious.

After last week's dismal performance in the Warriors' home and season opener, the first-year head coach can't wait to see the response when ECCC travels to Senatobia today to face Northwest Mississippi Community College at Ranger Stadium.

ECCC at Northwest
6:30 p.m.
Ranger Stadium

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ECCC Quarterback Blake Matherne and the Warrior offense hope to get on tracked versus nationally ranked Northwest Mississippi Community College tonight in Senatobia.

Northwest also won the last meeting between the two schools, a 14-12 decision also in Senatobia.

"I'm excited to see how we're going to respond," he said.

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The Warriors shot themselves in the foot, losing four fumbles in the game. Those are problems Anderson is hoped are fixed, at least in part, due to ECCC finally being a complete team. The Warriors had been missing four starters due to injuries over the past week.

Those limited reps didn't help a young team's rhythm in the 34-6 loss against Northeast Mississippi Community College last week at Bailey Stadium.

"The big thing is we've got all of our players back," he said. "It's hard to get any kind of continuity and it's hard to play when you don't practice. We've had a better week of practice this week and I think we got rid of some first-game jitters. I think some of our freshmen got welcomed to college football a little bit and I expect them to respond this week and play better."

In upsetting Pearl River 27-17 last week, the No. 15 Rangers got 213 passing yards from freshman quarterback Brent Osborn, who completed 18 of 30 passes for two touchdowns. Calvin Malone led Northwest with 82 yards rushing and one touchdown.

Meanwhile, East Central allowed 271 passing yard to the Tigers, although the Warriors did limit Northeast to just 46 yards rushing.

"Everybody in this league is good," Anderson said. "Everybody has players and everybody in this league can beat anybody on any given night. There's not much difference as far as that goes."

East Central, though, will face a stout rushing defense in Northwest, which held Pearl River to minus-4 yards rushing on 19 attempts. Quarterback Blake Matherne was ECCC's top rusher with 66 yards, he also threw for 176 yards on 14 of 22 passing with a 24-yard touchdown to Walter Grayson. Northwest did allow 348 yards passing to Pearl River.

"Bad things happen during the course of a football game," Anderson added. "Usually you don't get that many bad things happen in one game. I think we just had a ton of bad things happen to us. And the good thing is, our guys didn't quit. We came out and moved the football and we got seven three-and-outs in the second half."

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WEEK OF Sept. 5, 2010

JUCO FOOTBALL

ECCC falls in a shootout to Northwest 41-26 on the road

from combined reports

Offense was abundant Thursday night in Senatobia as the East Central Community College and Northwest Community College football teams' combined for a healthy 952 yards of combined total offense. Unfortunately for the Warriors, they would come out on the losing end of a 41-26 decision.

East Central (0-2) quarterback Blake Matherne was 14-for-23 passing with 227 yards a touchdown and an interception, while former Quitman standout Radarious Owens had three catches for 130 yards and a touchdown.

Chris Sicklin had 11 tackles, a forced fumble and a recovered fumble for ECCC on the defensive side of the ball, while DaMarcus Lewis had nine tackles and a sack. Korey Brown also had nine tackles on the night and one interception.

Northwest quarterback Brent Osborn completed 18-of-30 pass attempts for 245 yards, two touchdowns and a pick. Myles White had five catches totaling 103 yards and two scores on the night.

East Central will host Itawamba Community College next Thursday night in Decatur.

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WEEK OF Sept. 12, 2010

East Central, Itawamba seeking first victory of 2010

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SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

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After two early setbacks, Coach Anderson said the Warriors remain focused on getting into the win column, although preparations for the Itawamba game have been hampered due to injuries on the offensive side of the ball.

"We have had a tremendous week defensively," Anderson said. "But offensively we're battling the injury bug up front and concentrating on ball security."

Two turnovers early in the third period contributed to the Warriors' inability to maintain a 20-19 advantage over Northwest at halftime. The Rangers scored following both miscues.

Chris Ficklin
Former Scott Central Rebel

Despite the loss, Anderson was proud of his young team's effort.

"We played hard and were obviously a much better team than we were against Northeast in the season opener," Anderson said. "Northwest has a very rich tradition of winning and our guys were not intimidated at all. We had opportunities to score points but we kept shooting ourselves in the foot. We have a lot of talent on this team and I know we will continue to improve each week."

After managing just six points in the season opener, the ECCC offense got untracked against Northwest with freshmen Blake Matherne of Boothville, La., and Dustin Land of Milton, Fla., sharing quarterback duties. Matherne completed 14 of 23 passes for 227 yards and one score. Land was six of 12 for 149 yards and a touchdown. Radarious Owens of Quitman was the top receiver with six catches for 130 yards and a touchdown, a nine-yard strike from Matherne. Owens' longest reception covered 65 yards, also from Matherne.

ECCC's passing offense is now ranked third in the state, behind East Mississippi and Hinds. The Warrior aerial attack is averaging 283 yards per contest. East Mississippi has the top passing attack with a 375-yard average followed by Hinds at 301 yards per contest.

Overall, the ECCC offense is fourth, with a 426-yard average.

Freshman linebacker ***Chris Ficklin of Forest*** led the Warrior defense against Northwest with 13 tackles and four assists, four of which resulted in minus yardage. He was also credited with one-and-a-half quarterback sacks, a forced fumble and fumble recovery and helped block a Ranger PAT. ***Ficklin, a product of Scott Central High School,*** leads the state in tackles with 21 solo stops and eight assists.

Overall, the ECCC defense is ranked ninth, allowing 363.5 yards per contest.

East Central features one of the top kickoff return specialists in sophomore Caleb Porzell. Porzell, a transfer from the University of Maryland, is ranked fifth with four returns for 109 yards, a 27.3-yard average. His longest return is 45 yards. He is a product of Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Silver Springs, Md.

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WEEK OF Sept. 12, 2010

Warriors unable to maintain a halftime lead

ECCC suffers 41-26 Loss to Northwest CC

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SENATOBIA — A 20-19 halftime advantage quickly turned into a two-touchdown deficit for the East Central Community College Warriors who were unable to overcome third quarter miscues and controversial calls by officials in a 41-26 setback to nationally ranked Northwest Mississippi Community College Thursday night in Senatobia.

Despite the loss, ECCC head football coach Brian Anderson praised his young squad for their effort against the 15th ranked Rangers.

"We played hard and were obviously a much improved team than the season opener (34-6 loss to Northeast)," Anderson said during his post-game interview with officials from jucoweekly.com, which featured the non-division match-up as the Game of the Week.

"Northwest has a very rich tradition and our guys were not intimidated at all…we had opportunities to score points but kept shooting ourselves in the foot. We have a lot of talent on our team and I know we will continue to improve each week," Anderson said.

ECCC, which trailed 19-6 after the first quarter, grabbed the slim halftime lead following a 54-yard touchdown strike from quarterback Dustin Land to running back Caleb Porzell with 11:15 left before the break, and was followed by an 11-yard touchdown scamper by running back Rod Hawkins with just over seven minutes left.

Hawkins' score capped an 80-yard drive in just five plays and was highlighted by Land's 44-yard completion to wide receiver Reggie Hall to the Northwest 30. The big gainer was followed by Land's 23-yard strike to wide receiver Fabian Johnson who made a leaping catch at the Ranger 11. Jason Loris made both PATs.

But the Warriors' fortunes turned early in the third quarter. After receiving the second-half kickoff, EC started from its 23 yard line but an incomplete pass by quarterback Blake Matherne was ruled a lateral and recovered by the Rangers, who later scored on a one-yard dash by running back Calvin Malone.

Northwest quarterback Brent Osborn hooked up with wide receiver Jamal Mosley for the two-point conversion and the Rangers regained the lead at 27-20.

On the ensuing possession, ECCC quickly drove from its 39 to the Northwest 14, thanks to a 32-yard pass play from Matherne to wide receiver Radarius Owens followed by a holding call against the Rangers.

On the first play, Matherne completed a would-be touchdown pass to wide receiver Corey Collier, but the play was nullified due to an offside penalty against the Rangers, which moved the pigskin to the nine-yard-line.

Matherne, on the next play, scrambled to the two where he fumbled after appearing to have been tackled. The ball rolled into the end zone and was scooped up by Ranger defensive back Terrance Evans who raced to midfield where he was tackled by several Warrior defenders. A personal foul against the Warriors moved possession to the 35, and two plays later from the same spot running back Jay Jones scampered to the end zone, resulting in a 34-20 Northwest advantage with 10:25 left in the third stanza.

The Warriors threatened to score on the ensuing possession but the drive stalled at the Northwest 20. ECCC's defense stiffened and regained possession for the offense when linebacker ***Chris Ficklin, a Scott Central High School product,*** stripped the ball from Ranger wide receiver Xavier Lee of Pope on a reverse play and made the recovery on the ECCC 24. But three plays later, Ranger defensive back Brandon Lawrence of Calhoun City intercepted Land's pass on the ECCC 40. Northwest scored three plays later on Jones 14-yard run, which gave Rangers a 41-20 advantage early in the final stanza.

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WEEK OF Sept. 12, 2010

NJCAA Football Players of the Week - Sept. 15, 2010

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Willie Tindal (Ellsworth CC, Iowa), Chris Ficklin (East Central CC, Miss.) and Cordarrelle Patterson (Hutchinson CC, Kan.) have been named NJCAA Football Players of the Week for games Sept. 9 through Sept. 12. Tindal is the Offensive Player of the Week, Ficklin the Defensive Player of the Week and Patterson earns Special Teams Player of the Week.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Willie Tindal, Ellsworth Community College, Iowa
Quarterback; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Stranahan High School

Tindal (5'10" / 175 lbs.) a native of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., put the Panthers on his back and led them to a hard fought 34-29 victory over Iowa Central last Saturday. Down 29-28 with just 1:09 left in the game, Tindal drove the Panthers 62-yards and threw a 25-yard touchdown pass with 11 seconds left in the contest to win the game. He completed 34 of 47 pass attempts for 353 yards and three touchdowns. He also had 70 rushing yards on 16 attempts and scored two touchdowns.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Chris Ficklin, East Central Community College, Miss.
Linebacker; Forest, Miss.; Scott Central High School

In a 41-26 loss to No. 11 Northwest Mississippi last Thursday, Ficklin (5'11" / 185 lbs.) did his best to keep East Central in the contest. The Forrest, Miss., native recorded 17 total tackles (13 solo, 4 assisted), including four tackles for loss. He also was credited with 1.5 sacks a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Cordarrelle Patterson, Hutchinson Community College, Kan.
Kick Returner; Rock Hill, S.C.; Northwestern High School

In his first game as a kick returner, Patterson (6'4" / 197 lbs.) tied a HCC school record with a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the Blue Dragons' 45-3 win over Air Force Prep last Saturday. The freshman had two kickoff returns totaling 127 yards. As a receiver during the contest, he had a season high six receptions for 118 yards and a touchdown.

WEEK OF Sept. 12, 2010

The East Central Community College Warriors had an extra accessory with them around campus this week.

Following a 41-26 loss to Northwest Mississippi that dropped the Warriors to 0-2, thanks mainly to a pair of costly ECCC turnovers deep in Ranger territory, coach Brian Anderson wanted to drive home the importance of hanging on to the football.

Itawamba at ECCC

6:30 p.m.
Bailey Stadium

Hence the Warriors toted football along to class, to lunch and to dinner. Hanging on to the ball at all times. Anderson and the Warriors hope the overtime work pays off when Itawamba Community College visits Bailey Stadium at 6:30 p.m. today.

"You've got to hold onto the football," Anderson said. "We've got to hold onto the ball, if we've got to take over to the sidelines with us, then that's what we've got to do. We've got to hold onto the football this week.

"There are certain drills you can do, but mainly it's a mindset that you're going to hold onto the ball. We had our skill guys carry footballs around on campus during the day. Just as a reminder for how important it is to hold onto the

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football."

Those turnovers, which helped Northwest overcome a 20-19 halftime deficit, overshadowed the potent ECCC offense. The Warriors are fourth in the MACJC in total offense, averaging 426 yards, while the 283-yard average puts the ECCC passing attack third in the league.

Blake Matherne, a freshman from Boothville, La., and Dustin Land, a freshman from Milton, Fla., have guided that high-flying attack. Last week, Matherne completed 14 of 23 passes for 227 yards, while Land threw for 149 yards and a score, completing 6 of 12 attempts. Quitman product Radarious Owens was the Warriors' top receiving threat with six grabs for 130 yards and a 9-yard touchdown reception.

"We took a lot of positives out of the game," Anderson added. "We're just looking to make as much improvement this week as we did last week.

"Turnovers killed us. We moved up and down the field against them."

Itawamba, meanwhile, enters at 0-2 following a 52-31 loss to Hinds to open the season, before falling 34-14 last week at Pearl River. The Indians, though, present problems, as well.

"They're moving the football extremely well and they score points," Anderson said. "They're very multiple. They do a lot of different things on both sides of the football, and I think that's what makes them as good as they are."

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Northwest, 2-0, scored first in the non-division battle when D.J. McChristian tallied on a 47-yard jaunt with 13:21 left in the initial period. Ficklin blocked the PAT.

EC tied the contest on a 9-yard pass from Matherne to Owens, capping an eight-play, 68-yard march. Loris' PAT was wide left.

The Rangers responded with a 54-yard scoring pass play from Osborn to Myles White, which gave the host team a 19-6 lead after the first quarter.

Both teams had success moving the ball and both finished with 24 first downs. EC had 476 total yards and Northwest had 485.

Warrior quarterbacks Matherne and Land combined for 376 yards passing. Matherne was 14-of-23 for 227 yards and one score and Land completed 6-of-12 passes for 149 yards and a touchdown. Matherne had one interception and Land had two passes picked off.

Owens was the top receiver with six grabs for 130 yards and one touchdown. Hall had four grabs for 87 yards. EC lost three of seven fumbles.

Osborn completed 18-of-30 passes for 245 yards and two scores for the Rangers.

EC hosts Itawamba, 0-2, Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The Indians lost 34-14 to Pearl River last week.

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Warrior miscues result in a 21-14 defeat

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

East Central Community College dominated Itawamba Community College in just about every category Thursday night except for one area: the scoreboard.

The Warriors, who jumped out to an early 7-0 lead over the visiting Indians, were once again victims of turnovers and missed opportunities, resulting in a 21-14 loss and 0-3 start for the 2010 campaign. Itawamba, led by first-year head coach Jon Williams, a former ECCC assistant, improved to 1-2.

The non-division loss was especially tough to digest for head coach Brian Anderson and the Warriors, who racked up 427 yards to Itawamba's 286 and held a 22-13 edge in first downs.

"Our guys totally outplayed them," said Anderson in a post-game interview. "No disrespect to them whatsoever because they do a good job and they've got some good players; but our guys outplayed them. We've just got to somehow come together with this young bunch of guys and just finish. Big plays and big-time moments, you've got to get to the point where you can relax and make those plays instead of tensing up and not."

After three-straight non-division match-ups, Anderson said his focus is to continue working hard in preparation for the upcoming MACJC South Division schedule.

"I'm not giving up on these players and they're not giving up on us," said the first-year head coach who led the Warriors on an interim basis in 2009. "We're going to keep on fighting and we're going to get better. We did most things better in the game tonight, but you've got to capitalize and make something happen."

The Warriors made things happen in the early going when freshman quarterback Blake Matherne of Boothville, La., found the end zone on a 28-yard scamper, capping a nine-play, 80-yard march on ECCC's first possession. Jason Loris of Moss Point added the PAT. Highlights during the drive included a 15-yard strike from Matherne to wide receiver Reggie Hall of Monroe, La., to the EC 35, followed by a 14-yard run by sophomore Caleb Porzell of Silver Springs, Md., which gave the Warriors possession on the Itawamba 36.

EC had an excellent opportunity to pad its lead late in the first quarter, but Matherne's pass to the end zone on second and five from the Itawamba seven was picked off by Tevin Blanchard.

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An airborne Chris Ficklin (45) of Forest and teammate Montrae Smith (28) of Laurel make the stop on an Itawamba player during East Central's 21-14 loss to the visiting Indians Thursday night. Ficklin, a freshman linebacker and product of Scott Central High School, was chosen NJCAA Defensive Player of the Week for his performance during ECCC's battle with Northwest on Sept. 9. Smith is a freshman defensive back from South Jones.

Last Week's Games Results:

(3-0) Forest 42	St. Andrews 7
(1-3) Lake 19	Kemper County 20
(2-2) Morton 48	Choctaw Central 6
(2-2) Scott Central 54	Clarkdale 16
(2-2) Sebastopol 29	Union 28
(1-3) East Rankin Aca. 6	Parklane 10
(0-3) East Central CC 14	Itawamba 21
(1-2) Ole Miss 14	Vanderbilt 28
(1-1) Miss. State 7	LSU 29
(2-1) Southern Miss 31	Kansas 16
(2-0) Alabama 62	Duke 13

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WEEK OF Sept. 19, 2010

ECCC Warriors begin 'second season'

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DECATUR — If the past two seasons are an indication of what's to come, then East Central Community College's MACJC South Division opener with Pearl River Community College Thursday night in Poplarville should be another classic match-up.

The Wildcats escaped with a 30-27 overtime win in 2009 in the season finale at Bailey Stadium in Decatur, a year after the Warriors rallied for a 44-38 double overtime thriller at Dobie Holden Stadium.

Warrior head coach Brian Anderson, who began his tenure as EC's offensive coordinator in 2008 and served in the dual role of offensive coordinator and interim head coach last season, said EC will need to play its best game of the year to knock off the Wildcats, who improved to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the South Division following last week's 35-21 decision over Southwest in Summit.

Pearl River began the season with a 27-17 loss to Northwest followed by a 34-14 thumping of Itawamba. The Wildcats were ranked 13th in the NJCAA poll prior to the 2010 campaign and continued to be ranked in the top 25 prior to their win over Southwest. The Wildcats are led by ninth-year head coach Tim Hatten who sports a 67-16 record, including one national title and four state championships.

"This is the best Pearl River team I have seen in my tenure," said Anderson, whose Warriors remain winless in three starts against the MACJC North Division opponents Northeast (34-6), Northwest (41-26) and Itawamba (21-14). "They have tremendous skills on offense as well as defense. We must be at our best."

Although the Warriors are 0-3, the "second" and "most important" season — the MACJC South Division schedule — gets under way with the 7 p.m. battle at Pearl River.

"We have to put the losses behind us and concentrate our efforts on the division games," said Anderson. "We still have an opportunity to have a good season and if we continue to play hard and eliminate our mistakes we can finish strong."

East Central owns the state's top offensive unit, averaging 453 yards per contest. The Warrior passing attack is ranked third with a 264-yard average per game and the rushing offense is eighth at 122.3 yards per game.

Blake Matherne, a 5-9, 180-pound freshman signal caller from Boothville, La., is rated the state's fourth-best passer. Matherne has completed 47 of 81 passes for 622 yards, a 207.3-yard average. He has three touchdown passes to his credit and two interceptions. His top receiver is Reggie Hall, a 5-9, 170-pound freshman from Monroe. Hall, who is ranked sixth in the state, has 15 catches for 206 yards. He is a product of Neville High School. Radarius Owens, a 5-11, 180-pound sophomore from Quitman, is ranked 11th in the state. Owens has 12 catches for 183 yards and one touchdown.

Matherne is also EC's top rusher and is ranked fourth in the state. He has 52 carries for 281 yards, a 93.7-yard average. He is credited with one rushing TD.

Pearl River's offense is ranked sixth, averaging 367 yards per contest. The Wildcats are second in passing at 288.7 yards per game and last in rushing offense, averaging 78.3 yards per game.

Wildcat freshman quarterback Melvin German of Ft. Myers, Fla., is the state's top passer. German, a 6-3, 190-pound product of Dunbar High School, has completed 86 of 124 passes for 826 yards and five touchdowns. He is averaging 275.3 yards per contest. His top receiver is Steve McNair, Jr., a 6', 180-pound freshman from Hattiesburg, who also leads the state in receptions. McNair, son of the late NFL quarterback Steve McNair, has 23 grabs for 209 yards and one score. He is a product of Oak Grove High School.

McNair also leads the state in kickoff returns. He is credited with five returns for 167 yards, a 33.4-yard average. EC's Caleb Porzell of Silver Springs, Md., is ranked third, with six returns for 172 yards, a 28.7-yard average. His longest return is 45 yards. Porzell is a product of Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. Hall has nine returns for 210 yards, a 23.3-yard average, and is ranked seventh in the state. His longest return is 44 yards.

Hall is second in punt returns and Porzell is ranked fourth. Hall has four returns for 102 yards, a 25.5-yard average. His longest return is 72 yards. Porzell has three returns for 55 yards, an 18.3-yard average. His longest effort is 24 yards.

Defensively, the Warriors are ranked seventh overall, allowing 309 yards per contest. EC is fifth in rushing offense, allowing 106 yards, and seventh in passing offense, where they give up 203 yards per contest.

Warrior freshman Chris Ficklin of Forest continues to lead the state in tackles with 27 solo stops and 17 assists. Ficklin, a 5-11, 195-pound linebacker, is a product of Scott Central High School. He earned NJCAA Defensive Player of the Week honors following his performance in the Northwest game on Sept. 9 in Senatobia. He was credited with 13 tackles - including four for minus yardage - four assists, 1.5 sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

EC's Gabe Loper of Decatur is also one of the state's top tacklers. The 6-4, 195-pound defensive back has 17 solo stops and five assists. Loper is a product of Newton County High School.

Miscues have plagued the Warriors during the 2010 campaign, as evidenced by the squad's minus seven turnover margin. Pearl River is plus four in the turnover rate.

The ECCC/Pearl River matchup can be heard on the ECCC Web site (www.eccc.edu) featuring broadcasters Melvin Wooten and Gilbert Barham.

Fans can also keep up with game action on Twitter @Go_Warriors and on Facebook at East Central Warrior Football.

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EC drops division opener to Pearl River

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
Sports Editor

The "second season" began on a disappointing note for the East Central Community College Warriors who were once again plagued by turnovers in a 44-13 loss to Pearl River Community College Thursday night at Dobie Holden Stadium on the Poplarville campus.

East Central, which led the state in total offense and turnovers (13) prior to its MACJC South Division opener with the Wildcats, was held to 327 yards – far below its 453-yard average – and sustained five turnovers, two of which resulted in interception returns for touchdowns.

Tobias Irby of Oak Grove returned a pick 45 yards to give the Wildcats a 27-6 lead midway in the second period, and teammate Derrick Bourne of Columbia put the final points on the scoreboard on his interception which covered 73 yards and came with 37 seconds remaining in the division battle.

The Warriors, who dropped to 0-4, put up their first points early in the second period when quarterback Blake Matherne of Boothville, La., and running back Caleb Porzell of Silver Springs, Md., connected on a 50-yard screen pass, cutting the Pearl River advantage to 13-6. Jason Loris' PAT attempt was not successful.

Matherne, a product of Belle Chasse High School, finished the night by completing 17 of 36 passes for 186 yards. He had three interceptions.

EC's other score came with 8:50 remaining in the game when running back Rod Hawkins of Union found the end zone on a two-yard dash, cutting

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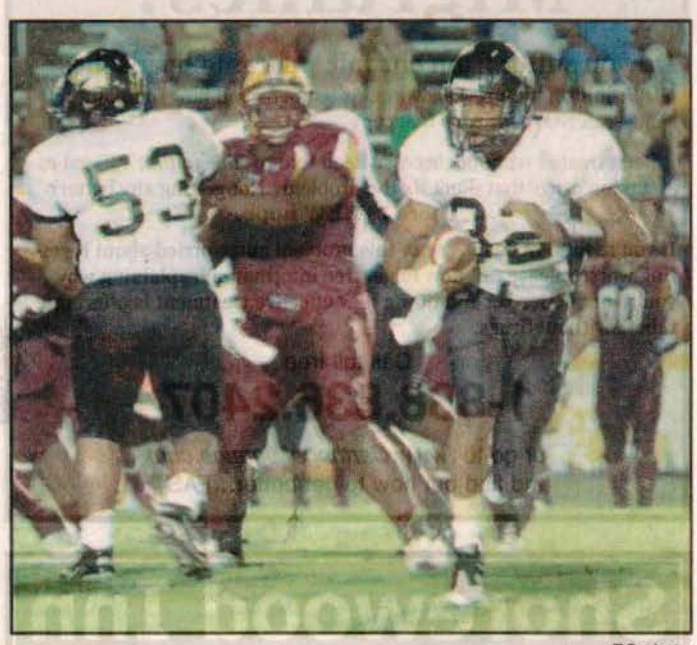

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ECCC freshman running back Brandon Willis (32) of Philadelphia looks for an opening in the Pearl River defense Thursday night in Poplarville. Willis had seven carries for 45 yards.

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the Wildcat lead to 37-13. Hawkins and Brandon Willis led EC rushers with 45 yards each, Hawkins had nine carries and Willis had seven rushes.

The Warriors return to the Decatur campus Saturday, Oct. 2, to host Hinds Community College for Homecoming. The division battle begins at 2 p.m. in Bailey Stadium.

The Eagles improved to 3-1 overall following their 37-31 overtime win over Mississippi Delta Thursday night in Raymond. Hinds is 0-1 in league play, having lost to Co-Lin 30-17.

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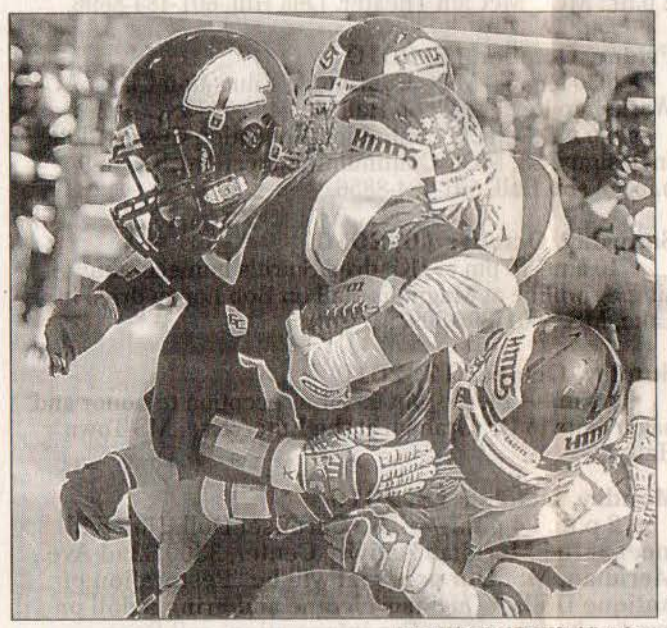

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It was EC's first on-field win over Hinds since 2002.

EC, which improved to 1-4 overall and 1-1 in league play, had taken a 34-15 lead on Matherne's 40-yard toss to Reggie Hall with 4:53 remaining in the third stanza.

But Hinds, which dropped to 3-2 and 0-2, rallied to take its first lead since an early 12-7 advantage on Sheppard's 3-yard scamper with 2:55 left in the third followed by Sheppard's 47-yard strike to Cordell Valentine as time expired in the quarter, narrowing the EC lead at 34-28.

The Warriors were in position to extend their six-point advantage with 2:44 left in the contest on Loris' 40-yard field goal attempt, but the snap from center was too high and the Eagles recovered near midfield. Hinds scored eight plays later on Sheppard's pass to Willis on fourth-and-6.

Matherne, a product of Belle Chasse (La.) High School, had his best day as a Warrior, completing 25-of-35 passes for 306 yards and one interception. He scored on a pair of 16-yard runs in the first quarter and added a 13-yard TD toss to Walter Grayson early in the second stanza resulting in a 20-12 lead for the Warriors. Matherne finished with 71 rushing yards on nine carries.

Matherne was injured during the drive when EC was unable to convert the 40-yard field goal, but shook off the injury to lead the Warriors on the game-winning drive.

EC's other score came on runningback Rod Hawkins' 3-yard burst with 8:53 left in the third, which extended the Warriors' lead to 27-15. Hawkins, a product of Union High School, led EC in rushing with 88 yards on 18 carries.

In addition to his game-winning field goal, Loris made four of five PATs.

"My mind was clear and I just tried to focus on the moment and make a good kick," said Loris, a left-footed kicker from Moss Point. "My teammates provided encouragement and told me to do the best I can and not to worry ... and that's what I did."

Loris said he was "shocked" when he made the kick. "I just stood there watching the ball sail through the uprights...it was a great feeling!"

Moments after the kick, Loris was swarmed by teammates with Johnson, who serves as the holder for Loris' field goal and PAT attempts in addition to playing wide receiver, the first to congratu-

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late him followed by long-snapper Lester Jackson and other Warrior players and coaches.

Defensively, EC was led by Rufus Williams, who accumulated nine solo tackles and two assists and was credited with 4.5 sacks.

Williams and Matherne have been nominated for MACJC Player of the Week honors by the ECCC coaching staff.

Hinds' other scores came on Willis' 28-yard run followed by a 23-yard fumble return by linebacker Zach McKee, both during first-quarter action, and McCraney's 46-yard field goal with 42 seconds left before halftime, which cut the EC lead to 20-15.

EC travels to Perkinston Thursday night to take on previously top-ranked Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. The Bulldogs suffered their first loss of 2010 by falling 30-27 in overtime to Pearl River last Thursday night in Poplarville.

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The Warriors' last win over the Bulldogs was in 2002 by a 28-21 margin.

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The MACJC South Division victory is the first "official" win for Warrior head coach Brian Anderson, who led the squad in 2009 as interim head coach.

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Jason Loris kicks the game-winning goal Saturday afternoon at ECCC.

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ECCC keeps playoff hopes alive

By Marty Stamper
Special to The Star

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"Dustin Land came in and did a tremendous job of just managing the game and giving us an opportunity to win," Anderson said. "We had two or three times where we were backed up deep and he moved the ball out and gave us room to punt the football and give us field position again."

An interception and 25-yard return by Georgio Grace to the JCJC 15 set the Warriors up for their second touchdown. A 16-yard run by Land around left end gave the Warriors a 14-7 lead after Loris' kick with 5:04 left in the half.

Jones then used a 55-yard kickoff return by Lofton to the ECCC 21 to pull even. Lavoris Powell scored on a 10-yard burst off right tackle three plays later with the PAT by Dylan Sobiesk knotting the battle at 14-14 with 1:45 to go before halftime.

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Jones County Junior College's Kewon Hunter swats down the ball as East Central Community College's Duane Bilbo tries to make the reception Thursday night in Decatur.

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Two sacks of Toney gave ECCC the ball back at the JCJC 20 with 1:48 left and the Warriors ran out the clock for the win.

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"At this point, when you face adversity, you've got to just bow your neck and come out swinging and that's what we're doing," Anderson said. "I'm so proud of them."

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ECCC quarterback Dustin Land, right, runs during the Warriors' 24-14 win over Jones Thursday night in Decatur. Land threw one touchdown pass and ran for another.

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By Marty Stamper

Appeal Sports Editor

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ECCC AT CO-LIN

Wolves clinch South title, eliminate Warriors

from staff reports

East Central Community College saw its playoff aspirations come to a screaming halt Thursday night as it fell 42-35 to Co-Lin in a tightly contested MACJC South Division showdown at Stone Stadium in Wesson.

Trailing 21-14 at the start of the second half, East Central (2-6) got things rolling as it tied things up early in the third quarter when Blake Matherne hooked up with Zack Pendleton for a 24-yard touchdown pass.

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The Wolves (7-1) answered on running back Montrell Connor's 6-yard scoring run but the PAT failed.

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The Warriors took advantage, marching back down the field to take a 28-27 lead early in the fourth via a 4-yard touchdown run from Union product Rod Hawkins.

Unfortunately for East Central, that lead would be short lived when Connor reached pay dirt from 2 yards outt.

ECCC would never lead again as the Wolves extended the lead to two scores when quarterback Percy Turner found Michael Berry for a 15-yard touchdown pass to make it a 42-28 advantage.

Matherne accounted for ECCC's last score late in the fourth on a 5-yard scoring rush.

Co-Lin jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first half before Matherne cut the lead to 7 on a 41-yard touchdown pass to Corey Caulier. The two teams exchanged scores to end the first half of play.

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Land helps ECCC secure big victory

Sophomore Dustin Land's first start as East Central Community College's quarterback was a memorable one for the Milton, Fla., native, as he threw a touchdown pass and ran for another in the Warriors' impressive 24-14 MACJC South Division victory over Jones County Junior College Thursday at Bailey Stadium on the Decatur campus.

With the win, East Central improved to 2-5 overall and more importantly 2-2 in league play and kept alive its hopes for making the state playoffs.

The Warriors trail their next opponent Copiah-Lincoln (4-0), Pearl River (3-1) and Gulf Coast for the two playoff spots with Hinds (1-2) also having a shot at post-season play.

ECCC will face Southwest (0-3) in the regular season finale scheduled October 28 in Decatur.

Land, a 6-1, 210-pound product of Milton High School, most recently started at defensive back for EC after earlier sharing signal calling duties with freshman Blake Matherne of Boothville, La., who has emerged as one of the nation's top passers.

Matherne, a 5-9, 180-pound product of Belle Chasse High School, was injured near the end of the Warriors' loss to Gulf Coast the previous week and was not expected to see much action against the Bobcats.

However, when Land was injured early in fourth quarter action, Matherne came off the bench to lead the Warriors to a game-clinching touchdown and 10-point advantage with just under four minutes remaining.

Land, who completed 12 of 20 passes for 106 yards and the TD strike and Matherne, who was three of six for 37 yards, were among several Warriors who had standout performances against the Bobcats, who dropped to 2-5 and 0-4.

The Warrior defense allowed just 95 yards rushing and held Bobcat quarterback Tromarcus Toney to only 146 yards passing, well below his average of 214.4 yards passing per contest.

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Runner's up

ECCC Flag Football Runners-Up

"Brick's Squad" finished second in the intramural flag football competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling from left) Chris Thames, Decatur; Octavius Wallace, Union; Keyshawn Harrison, Decatur; Shunadrick Landfair, Union; DeAngelo Willis, Louisville; and Dimitri Davis, Quitman; and (standing from left) Jay Ethridge, Hickory; Demetrius McDougle, Union; Hawkeen Wesley, Hickory; Reggie Davis and A.J. Mapp, both of Decatur; Kenneth Collins, Quitman; and Jackson Therrien, Newton. Coach Scott Hill serves as director of intramurals. (EC Photo)

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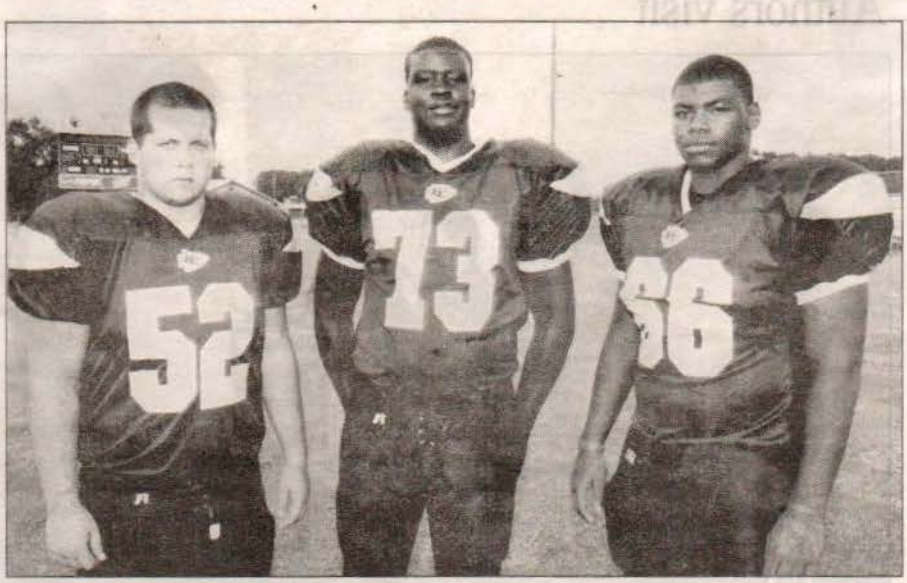

Winston County 'Warriors'

These former Winston County football standouts are members of the 2010 East Central Community College Warrior squad. From left are offensive linemen (52) Tate Rogers and (73) Cottrell Miller, both products of Louisville High School, and (66) Mackenzie Lee of Nanih Waiya. The ECCC football program is led by head coach Brian Anderson. Staff members include Blake Frazier, Kyle Watson, Fred Lyons, Derek Pouncey, Keith Houston, Randy Brunson and Jarvis Cole.

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Flag football champs

ECCC Flag Football Champs

"IFTB" captured top honors in the intramural flag football competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling from left) Ray Jordan, Quitman; Jordan Lenton, Khiry Warren and Jeremy Clayton, all of Meridian; and Anthony Tatum, Louisville; and (standing from left) Justin Houston, Meridian; Gerald Jett, Riverdale, Ga.; and Demarcus Bryant, Jordan Williams, Antrove Hartwell and Elijah Tanksley, all of Meridian. Coach Scott Hill serves as director of intramurals. (EC Photo)

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East Central battles Southwest in season finale

from school reports

DECATUR - Pride and a break-even mark in the MACJC South Division will be on the line for East Central Community College's Warriors who host Southwest Mississippi Community College in the season finale today at 6:30 p.m. at Bailey Stadium.

East Central, 2-6 overall and 2-3 in league play, will also be looking for its first victory against the Bears (2-6 and 0-5) since 2004, when the Warriors claimed a 17-6 decision. The Warriors were edged 21-20 in last year's battle.

"This is obviously a very important game for our football program," said first-year head coach Brian Anderson. "We want to finish the season on a positive note and reach the .500 mark in the division, which would be a big improvement over 2008 when we did not win a division contest. We also want to stop our losing streak to Southwest, something our players have talked about all week."

East Central was mathematically eliminated from post-season play after falling 42-35 to nationally-ranked and division leader Copiah-Lincoln Community College last week in Wesson. The Bears earned their first division win by clipping Jones County Junior College on Saturday in Summit.

In comparing ECCC and Southwest, the Warriors have scored 171 points and allowed 273, while the Bears have tallied 140 points and allowed 216.

East Central's offense is ranked fourth overall in the state, averaging 397.3 yards per contest. The passing attack is third (226.8) and the rushing unit is rated sixth (170.5 yards).

Freshman quarterback Blake Matherne continues to be ranked among the state's top passers although he missed some playing time due to injuries. Matherne is rated sixth in the state, having completed 108 of 196 passes for 1,504 yards (188-yard average) and nine touchdowns. He has also thrown nine interceptions.

Matherne's top receivers are freshman Reggie Hall and sophomore Radarious Owens, a product of Quitman High School. Hall has 29 receptions for 355 yards and one touchdown. He averages 12.2 yards per catch. Owens has 26 receptions for 472 yards and one score. He averages 18.2 yards per grab.

Matherne is also EC's top rusher, compiling 437 yards on 94 carries, a 4.7-yard average per carry. He has five touchdowns to his credit. Freshman running back Bandon Willis, of Philadelphia, has accumulated 283 yards on 52 carries and has one touchdown. Willis is 5.44 yards per carry and 35.4 yards per contest. Rod Hawkins, of Union, has 80 rushes for 394 yards - a 4.93-yard average per carry – and has scored five touchdowns. He averages 49.3 yards per contest.

The Southwest offense is ranked 13th overall, averaging 288.1 yards per contest. The Bears are second in rushing (230.4 yards) and 14th in passing (92.9 yards).

Sophomore quarterback Mardavian Martin is ranked 14th in passing, completing 32 of 61 passes for 471 yards (67.3 yards per contest) and three touchdowns. He has also thrown four interceptions.

Freshman Vintavious Cooper, who is also listed as a quarterback on the Bears' roster, is the team's top rusher. Cooper is ranked 10th in the state, compiling 497 yards on 94 carries (5.3-yard average per carry) and five touchdowns. He averages 62.1 yards per contest.

East Central continues to feature two of the state's top punt return specialists in Hall and Caleb Porzell. Hall is third with six attempts for 117 yards, a 19.5-yard average. His longest return is 72 yards. Porzell is fourth with nine returns for 129 yards, an 18.4-yard average. His longest effort is 26 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, EC continues to be ranked among the state's top rushing units, allowing 109 yards per contest. The Warriors are ranked 10th in passing defense (185.3 yards per contest) and sixth overall (294.3 yards per contest).

Freshman linebacker Chris Ficklin leads the Warrior defense and is ranked second among the state's JUCO defenders. Ficklin is credited with 71 solo stops and 43 assists, second only to Hinds defensive back Maxie Graham who has 79 tackles and six assists. Other top EC tacklers include sophomore linebacker Rufus Williams with 36 tackles and 18 assists; and sophomore linebacker Damarcus Lewis with 35 solo stops and 25 assists. Lewis hails from Quitman High School.

East Central's turnover margin is the highest in the state at minus-13. Southwest is next at minus-3.

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SOUTHWEST AT ECCC

Warriors drop season finale to Southwest

By Marty Stamper
Special to the Star

DECATUR — Two big scoring plays and 17 penalties proved costly to the East Central Community College Warriors as they closed out their 2010 season with a 20-15 loss to Southwest Mississippi Community College Thursday night.

ECCC finished 2-7 overall and 2-4 in the MACJC South Division.

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"I've never seen so many penalties in my life," said ECCC head coach Brian Anderson. "I'm not ever going to criticize officials, but they played a huge part in tonight?s game.

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"I know that we always deserve penalties, but it's just a tough way to go out. Our guys played hard enough and well enough to win. It?s not going to leave a good taste in my mouth or any of our mouths.

"I hate it for the kids that they didn't get to go off this field for the last time a winner. And I hate we didn't get to go 3-3 in the South because that is not done here at East Central."

The game started like it might be a high-scoring affair. ECCC covered 62 yards in 14 plays to grab a 7-0 lead with 8:33 left in the first quarter. Quarterback Blake Matherne scored on a 1-yard

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keeper with Jason Loris adding the extra point.

The Bears answered with a five-play, 50-yard scoring drive to close to within 7-6 with 5:35 still to go in the opening period. Tray Bateaste found the end zone on a 14-yard run, but the Warriors blocked Justin Holt?s extra point to stay on top. Loris added a 26-yard field goal to put the Warriors up 10-6 with 2:38 remaining in the first quarter. ECCC covered 45 yards in six plays to get the field goal with Rod Hawkins having an 18-yard run and Brandon Willis a 14-yard carry.

Southwest threatened as the Bears reached the ECCC 11, where quarterback Vintavious Cooper fumbled with ECCC recovering on third down.

It was a short reprieve, however, as Matherne threw an interception five plays later that Kendrick Causey returned 47 yards to put the Bears up 12-10.

Dustin Land stopped Bateaste on the two-point conversion. ECCC reached the Southwest 27, but a holding penalty and a sack led to a 39-yard punt by Daniel Holt to the 1.

The Warriors held for no yardage, but misplayed a punt and began from their 49 with 3:48 left in the second quarter and eventually punted again to trail 12-10 despite outgaining the Bears 174-107 in the first half.

Loris put the Warriors back on top with a 13-12 lead with a 38-yard field goal with 8:44 showing in the third quarter. ECCC had to overcome two penalties on that eight-play, 36-yard drive.

ECCC forced two punts by the Bears only to get a block in the back penalty on both kicks.

A 33-yard punt by Daniel Holt enabled the Warriors to take a 15-10 lead when Chris Ficklin dropped Cooper in the end zone for a 10-yard loss and a safety with 11:55 left in the game.

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Members of the 2010 East Central Community College football team from schools in Newton County are (kneeling from left) defensive back Tyler Robinson, of Newton County High School; runningback Rod Hawkins, Union; and defensive back Gabe Loper, Newton County. Standing are defensive lineman Kalvin Smith and offensive lineman Fred Smith, both of Newton County; and linebacker Eric Brown and defensive end Timothy Williams, both of Newton.

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WEEK OF Oct. 31, 2010

Late touchdown lifts Southwest over ECCC

A season-ending victory was not to be for East Central Community College's Warriors, as back-up Southwest Mississippi Community College quarterback Mardavian Martin of Millbrook, Ala., tossed a 60-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver Alfred Franklin of Kentwood, La., with 2:35 left to rally the Bears for a stunning 20-15 victory Thursday night at Bailey Stadium on the Decatur campus.

East Central, which once again was plagued by penalties and turnovers in the MACJC South Division battle, completed the 2010 campaign at 2-7 overall and 2-4 in league play, while the Bears finished 4-5 and were also 2-4 in the division.

Brian Anderson, who completed his first official season as Warrior head coach after serving on an interim basis in 2009, said following the disappointing loss, "I've never seen so many penalties in my life," in referring to the 12 infractions for 95 yards.

"I'm not ever going to criticize officials, but they played a huge part in tonight's game.

"I know that we sometimes deserve penalties, but it's a tough way to go out. Our guys played hard enough and well enough to win. It's not going to leave a good taste in my mouth or any of our mouths.

"I hate it for the kids that they didn't get to go off this field for the last time as a winner. And I hate we didn't get to 3-3 in the South because that is not done often here at East Central."

The Warriors, who trailed 12-10 at halftime, led throughout most of the contest and resumed the lead at 13-12 following Jason Loris' 38-yard field goal with 8:44 left in the third period. Loris is a product of Moss Point High School.

East Central extended its advantage to 15-12 after standout linebacker Chris Ficklin, a former Scott Central High School standout, tackled the

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Bears' starting quarterback Vintavious Cooper, for a safety with 11:55 remaining in the game.

The Warriors had an opportunity to add to their slim margin on the ensuing possession, driving from their 42 to the Southwest 19. But Loris' 36-yard field goal attempt with 8:21 was wide left.

After an exchange of possession, the Bears took over on their 18 with 3:03 left. Cooper was injured after completing a seven-yard pass on first down to receiver Brian Cook of Independence, La., and was replaced by Martin who started the game at wide receiver.

Martin's first pass was incomplete but a pass interference penalty awarded the Bears possession on the Southwest 40. He connected with Franklin for the eventual game-winning score on the next play.

The Warriors reached the Southwest 42 on the ensuing possession but turned the ball over on downs after coming up short on fourth and two. The Bears ran out the clock to preserve the win.

East Central took an early 7-0 lead when quarterback Blake Matherne of Boothville, La., tallied on a one-yard run with 8:33 left in the opening stanza, capping a 14-play, 62-yard drive. Loris added the PAT.

Key plays during the scoring drive included Matherne's 18-yard completion to wide receiver Corey Collier of Tuscaloosa to the Southwest 27, followed by the Belle Chasse High School product's eight-yard toss on fourth and seven to wide receiver Radarious Owens of Quitman, which gave EC possession on the Southwest 16.

The Bears scored on the next possession with running back Tray Bateaste of Gloster crossing the goal line from 14-yards out with 5:35 left in the first period, capping a 12-play, 50-yard march. Justin Holt's PAT attempted was blocked and EC held a 7-6 advantage.

East Central scored again on its next possession with Loris connecting on a 26-yard field goal with 2:30 left in the opening stanza. The Warriors had great field position to start the drive, which began at the EC 48 following the Bears' failed onsides kick attempt. However, the march stalled at the Southwest nine where the Warriors were unable to convert a first down on fourth and two.

Southwest threatened to score on its next possession but the 58-yard drive ended on EC's 14 following Cooper's fumble with 12:57 left before halftime.

The Bears registered a defensive score a short time later, as linebacker Kendrick Causey of Gloster picked off a Matherne pass and returned the pigskin 47 yards to pay dirt with 10:10 remaining in the half. The two-point conversion failed, as Dustin Land of Milton, Fla., stopped Bateaste on the effort, but Southwest led for the first time at 12-10.

Matherne completed 12 of 27 passes for 127 yards and one interception.

Collier was his top receiver with three catches for 63 yards. Owens had six grabs for 52 yards.

Matherne also led EC in rushing with 92 yards on 12 carries and one score.

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WEEK OF 12/5/10

ECCC sophomore football Warriors honored

Sophomore members of the 2010 East Central Community College football team were honored prior to the Warriors' season finale with Southwest Mississippi Community College at Bailey Stadium on the Decatur campus. Receiving the special recognition were, from left, linebacker (8) Duane Bilbro, a product of Morton High School; center (65) Brandon Fedrick, Neshoba Central; wide receiver (5) Walter Grayson, Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County; running back (22) Rod Hawkins, Union; center (53) Lester Jackson, Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central; wide receiver (2) Fabian Johnson, Coahoma County High School, Clarksdale; guard (71) Alaric Keams, Choctaw Central; linebacker (11) Demarcus Lewis, Quitman; defensive back (6) Gabe Loper, Newton County; wide receiver (10) Radarious Owens, Quitman; running back (3) Caleb Porzell, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, Silver Springs, Maryland; guard (74) Fred Smith, Newton County; linebackers (24) Bobby Thigpen of Forest and (44) Rufus Williams, Astronaut HS, Mims, Fla.; and defensive tackle (72) Khalid Wilson, OP Walker High School, New Orleans. Sophomore student assistants included Payton Pierce and Chris Ganaan, both of Leake Academy, and Justin Bates of Nanih Waiya. ECCC fell 20-15 to the visiting Bears and finished 2-6 overall and 2-3 in the MACJC South Division under Brian Anderson, who completed his first year as head coach after serving on an interim basis in 2009. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 12/5/10

Smith, Graves represent NCHS in MACJC All-Star Classic

By Marty Stamper
Appeal Sports Editor

Former Newton County High School teammates Fred Smith of East Central Community College and Floyd Graves of East Mississippi Community College were selected to participate in last Saturday's 37th-annual MACJC All-Star Football Classic in Booneville.

Smith is a 6-foot-2, 290-pound offensive lineman.

Graves rushed for 374 yards on 86 carries with six touchdowns as a sophomore for the Lions. In addition, he caught 22 passes for 197 yards and one touchdown.

The North posted a 16-0 shutout win to take an 18-17-2 lead in the series.

Other representatives from East Central on the South team were wide receivers Radarious Owens (5-11, 180) of Quitman and Fabian Johnson (5-10, 180), of Coahoma County High School in Clarksdale, and offensive lineman Lester Jackson (6-0, 290), from Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central High School.

Jones County head football coach Eddie Pierce and his staff led the South team, while Itawamba head coach Jon Williams and his assistants led the North. Williams is a former assistant coach at East Central.

Of the 14 MACJC schools, 13 were represented in the all-star game. State champion Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College was not as the Bulldogs defeated Grand Rapids (Mich.) 62-53 in the third-annual Mississippi Bowl at Biloxi High School on Sunday.

Fred Smith

Floyd Graves

In that game, Gulf Coast jumped out to a 20-0 first quarter lead en route to the high-scoring win. Grand Rapids closed to within 49-46 by the end of the third quarter.

With Gulf Coast protecting a 56-53 lead, Bulldogs safety Lamar Johnson intercepted a Grand Rapids pass as the Raiders were driving for a game-tying field goal with 1:30 to go.

Gulf Coast was able to run the clock down to eight seconds and scored on the final play of the game as a flea-flicker by the Raiders ended up as a 1-yard fumble return touchdown by Bulldog lineman Mario Stovall as time expired.

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WEEK OF 12/12/10

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Continuing their athletic careers on the university level are the above East Central Community College football players who signed national letters of intent during a ceremony held Wednesday on the Decatur campus. Front row, left to right, offensive lineman Alaric Keams, defensive back Gabe Loper, wide receiver Fabian Johnson, and wide receiver Radarious Owens. Back row, left to right, Ty Keams, Elijah Loper, Galathia Loper, Mamie Walker, and ECCC head football coach Brian Anderson.

Warriors send four to next level

from school reports

Several members of East Central Community College's 2010 football squad signed national letters-of-intent Wednesday on the Decatur campus to continue their careers on the university level, announced Brian Anderson, Warrior head football coach.

Signees include offensive lineman Alaric Keams (6-3, 295), a product of Choctaw Central High School, who inked with Northwestern Oklahoma State University; defensive back Gabe Loper (6-4, 195) of Newton County High School in Decatur, University of South Alabama; wide receiver Fabian Johnson (5-10, 180) of Coahoma County High School in Clarksdale, University of North Alabama; and wide receiver Radarious Owens (5-11, 180) of Quitman, University of North of North Alabama.

The football standouts will transfer to their respective universities in Jan. 2011.

Coach Anderson said additional players are expected to receive mid-year scholarships and will be announced at a later date.

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WEEK OF 12-19-10

ECCC Football Players Continuing Careers

East Central Community College football players who signed national letters-of-intent during a ceremony held December 15 on the Decatur campus are (seated from left) offensive lineman Alaric Keams (6-3, 295), of Choctaw Central, who signed with Northwestern Oklahoma State University; defensive back Gabe Loper (6-4, 195) of Newton County High School, University of South Alabama; wide receiver Fabian Johnson (5-10, 180) of Coahoma County High School, University of North Alabama; and wide receiver Radarious Owens (5-11, 180) of Quitman, University of North Alabama. Standing from left are signees' family members, Ty Keams (father); Elijah Loper (nephew), Galathia Loper (sister) and Mamie Walker (aunt); and Warrior head football coach Brian Anderson.

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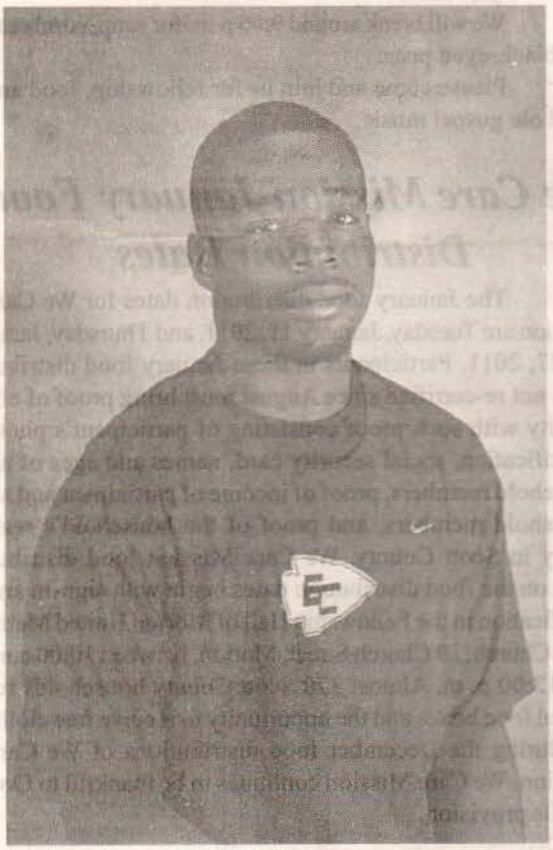
WEEK OF 12/20/10

ECCC's Ficklin Receives All-American Honors

Chris Ficklin's standout season as a member of the 2010 East Central Community College football team has once again received national attention as the freshman linebacker from Forest has received NJCAA All-American Honorable Mention honors.

Ficklin (5-11, 195) led the nation in total tackles with 126 – 78 solo stops and 48 assists. He is also credited with six quarterback sacks, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

Warrior head coach Brian Anderson said Ficklin is not only an outstanding football player but also an outstanding individual.



Chris Ficklin

"All of us enjoy coaching great players, but when great players are great people, it makes our job even more enjoyable," said Anderson. "Chris has set a high standard for his level of play and for our entire defense. He is as good a person off the field which also sets a standard for the rest of our team. Needless to say, we are very proud to have Chris Ficklin at East Central."

Ficklin was earlier selected All-Region 23 and MACJC First Team All-State. He was chosen the Warriors' Most Outstanding Defensive Skill Player at the annual Fall Sports Banquet.

He received NJCAA Defensive Player of the Week honors following his performance in the Warriors' battle with Northwest Mississippi Community College on Sept. 9 in Senatobia.

Ficklin registered 17 tackles – including four stops for minus yardage – in the 41-26 loss. He was also credited with 1.5 sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

The defensive standout also received MACJC recognition following the Northwest game and for his performance in the Warriors' 24-14 win over Jones County and the 42-35 loss to Copiah-Lincoln. Ficklin had 19 tackles in each contest.

He is a product of Scott Central High School, where he was chosen best linebacker.

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WEEK OF 2-8-2010

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EMCC cards fifth-place finish; ECCC seventh

SAUCIER – The East Mississippi Community College men's golf team opened the 2010 spring campaign with a fifth-place team finish in the year's first Mississippi Association of Community & Junior College event played Monday and Tuesday on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. East Central finished seventh.

The Lions carded a two-day score of 657 (319-338) to finish 10 strokes behind fourth-place Copiah-Lincoln (319-328–647), while the Warriors finished with a 661 (320-341). Two-time defending NJCAA Region 23 champion Mississippi Gulf Coast claimed the year's initial MACJC event by two strokes (313-315–628) over runner-up Northwest Mississippi (305-325–630) and six strokes ahead of third-place Northeast Mississippi (306-328=634).

Competing as an individual in the spring's initial event, EMCC sophomore Michael Lauseng placed fourth individually with an 8-over-par 152 (72-80). Sophomore Trey Adams tied for 14th place (78-82=160) to lead EMCC's scoring participants.

Freshman Ian McAdams was next for EMCC with a 20th-place tie (81-82=163), while fellow newcomer Jackson Bryant followed two strokes back (79-86=165) in a tie for 26th place. Rounding out the Lions' scoring were sophomores Will Black (81-88=169) and Garrett Alford (81-89=170) in 34th and 39th place, respectively.

East Central was led by Luke Brown's 14th-place finish (77-83=160). Also scoring for the Warriors were Griffin Burke (75-86=161), Matthew Bochan (83-85=168), Neal Pettigrew (85-87=172), Jordan Smith (88-87=175) and Cole Harris (91-104=195).

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WEEK OF 2-8-2010

ECCC GOLF TEAM

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Members of East Central Community College's golf team for 2010 include (first row, from left) Cole Harris (Newton County High School), Luke Brown, Neil Pettigrew and Griffin Burke (Neshoba Central); (second row, from left) Daniel Moody (Leake Academy), Josh Morehead, Crosby McDonald (Leake Academy) and Matthew Bochan; and (top row, from left) Jordan Smith (Union), Trent Travis (Leake Academy) and coach James Moore. Moore serves as golf professional at Forest Country Club, site of the ECCC Invitational scheduled Feb. 20-21.

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WEEK OF 2-22-2010

ECCC Golfers Finish Fouth in Invitational

East Central Community College's golf team finished fourth in its own invitational tournament held Feb. 20-21, 2010, at Forest Country Club.

Golfers from Mississippi Gulf Coast took top honors in the 36-hole competition by firing rounds of 295 and 292 (587) to capture their second-straight MACJC event of the young season.

Northeast finished second at 596 (298-298), followed by Copiah Lincoln, 611 (307-304) and East Central, 614 (309-305). Rounding out the field were East Mississippi, 624 (315-309); Northwest, 625 (308-317); Hinds, 638 (325-313); Itawamba, 667 (342-325); Jones County, 668 (346-322); Pearl River, 679 (345-334); and Holmes, 720 (365-355).

Matthew Bochan of Franklin, Tenn., led EC by carding rounds of 70 and 80 for a 150 total, eight over par. Other scorers included Griffin Burke, 154 (79-75) and Neal Pettigrew, 155 (81-74), both of Philadelphia; and Luke Brown of Carthage, 155 (79-76). Additional team members and their respective scores included Jordan Smith of Union, 163 (81-82); Trent Travis of Carthage, 166 (81-85); Crosby McDonald of Carthage, 166 (86-80); Cole Harris of Decatur, 166 (87-79); and Daniel Moody of Carthage, 189 (94-95). The Warrior linksters are coached by James Moore, golf professional at Forest Country Club. MGCCC's Colin McNamara won medalist honors with rounds of 74 and 72 for a 146 total, four over par. McNamara as joined on the All-Tournament team by fellow Bulldog golfers Taylor Michie, Richie Williams and Skyler Dennis, who had 148 totals, and Northeast players Daniel Singh and Stephen Poole, each with 147; and Derin Petite of Co-Lin and Michael Lauseng of East Mississippi, who both each 148.

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WEEK OF 3-8-2010

ECCC finishes fifth

Golfers representing East Central Community College in Decatur finished fifth in a 36-hole event held March 8-9, 2009, at Brookhaven Country Club and the Wolf Hollow course at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

The Warrior linksters had rounds of 306 and 301 for a 607 total in the season's third MACJC (Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges) event, won by Mississippi Gulf Coast golfers who shot 578 (290-288), 10 over par.

Trent Travis of Carthage led East Central with rounds of 75 and 73 for a 148 total, six over par. Other top finishers were Griffin Burke of Philadelphia, 151 (76-75); Matthew Bochan of Franklin, Tenn., 153 (77-76); and Luke Brown of Carthage, 155 (78-77).

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ECCC Netters and Warrior Golfers game wrapups

East Central Community College's tennis teams fell to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in matches played Tuesday, Feb. 23, in Biloxi.

The women were clipped 7-2 and the Warriors dropped a 3-6 decision.

Sami Elkins of Forest and Hannah Peoples of Newton County Academy led EC in women's singles by defeating Brittany Freeman (6-4, 6-3) and Katherine Blair, 6-4,4-6,1-0 (10-8), respectively.

In other results, Elise Gibbs of Newton County fell to Ruda Grinvalde (6-0, 6-3); Abby McMillan of Newton County Academy lost to Victoria Hagel (6-3, 6-2), Rachael Ramirez of Forest was edged by Megan Terrel (6-3, 6-2) and Ashley Walker of Union was clipped by Katie King (6-0, 6-3).

In women's doubles, Gibbs and McMillan fell to Grindale and Terrel (8-2), Ramirez and Peoples lost to Hagel and Freeman (8-3) and Elkins and Walker were defeated by King and Blair (8-2).

The Lady Warriors are now 2-2 on the young season.

In men's singles, Jason Hancock of Newton County was the lone Warrior winner in singles, as he beat Lyn Jacobson (6-2, 6-2). In other results, Colton Amis of Newton County fell to Kriss Baglais (6-2, 6-3), Will Marston of Union was defeated by Alex Drake (6-1,6-2), Zac White of Union was edged by LeBlanc (7-5, 7-5), Garret Moore of Union fell to Taylor Thrash (6-2, 6-4) and Matt Griffin of Union lost to Tyler Eggers (6-3, 6-2).

EC took two of three matches in men's doubles, as Marston and Hancock beat Leblanc and Travis Ladner (8-3) and Griffin and White edged Thrash and Eggers (8-6). Amis and Smith fell in their match with Baglais and Drake (8-1).

East Central netters travel to Jones County Junior College Tuesday, March 2 and will be guests of Holmes Community College Thursday, March 4.

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The third MACJC golf event will be held March 8-9, 2010, at Wolf Hollow Golf Club at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

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WEEK OF March 15, 2010

EC golfers take 5th in MACJC event

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East Mississippi finished second in the event at 601 (299-302), and Northeast (299-302) and Copiah-Lincoln (308-295) tied for third with 603 totals. Rounding out the field were Northwest, 608 (310-298); Itawamba, 618 (317-301); Hinds, 641 (322-319); Jones County, 667 (342-325); Pearl River, 668 (341-327); and Holmes, 685 (358-327).

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ECCC Warrior Golf Classic Set June 3 in Louisville

From press reports

Scholarships for area students will once again be the top prize when East Central Community College holds its ninth annual Warrior Golf Classic, a fundraising event sponsored by the College's Alumni Association.

This year's four-person scramble is scheduled Thursday, June 3, 2010, and will be held for the first time at Louisville Country Club. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and will be followed by a shot-gun start at 10 a.m.

Last year's tournament was held at Philadelphia Country Club, and the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club served as host for six of the previous seven years. Forest Country Club hosted the event in 2005.

"After successful events at three locations, the Alumni Board has decided to continue moving the Warrior Classic to courses throughout the five-county district to allow more golfers the opportunity to participate," said tournament coordinator Stacey Hollingsworth who serves as executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations. "We've had a great response at each location and look forward to a successful tournament in Louisville."

Hollingsworth said the entry fee for individual players is $85, which includes lunch, a Warrior Golf Classic T-shirt, door prize and the opportunity to win additional prizes on the course. Cart rentals are available for $15 per person. There is no charge for participants who provide their own carts. Corporate sponsorships are also available at the following levels: Gold, $500 (includes entry fee for four players and hole sponsorship); Silver, $300 (includes fees for two golfers and a hole sponsorship); and Bronze, $100 (include a hole sponsorship).

Awards will be presented to the Corporate Team champion and the top three winners in each flight. Since its inception in 2002, the Warrior Golf Classic has raised almost $60,000 in scholarship monies for students residing in Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

For more information, contact Stacey Hollingsworth at ECCC, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

ECCC golfers finish among top teams

East Central Community College's golf team finished in the top five following participation in MACJC tournaments held Monday and Tuesday, March 29-30, 2010, at Hillandale Country Club in Corinth.

The Warrior linksters placed fifth with a 301 score in the first 18-hole event, won by Copiah-Lincoln Community College at 295. Mississippi Gulf Coast finished runner-up at 298, followed by East Mississippi and Northeast, which tied at 299; Northwest, 306; Itawamba, 311; Holmes, 326; and Hinds, 335.

Trent Travis of Carthage led EC with a two over par 73. Other scorers were Griffin Burke of Philadelphia, 75; Luke Brown of Carthage, 76; Neal Pettigrew of Philadelphia, 77; Matthew Bochan of Franklin, Tenn., 78; and Crosby McDonald of Carthage, 82.

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WEEK OF May 3, 2010

EC Warrior golf tourney Friday

The third annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Tournament will be held Friday at Forest Country Club, announced Brian Anderson, ECCC head football coach.

"We are certainly looking forward to this year's event and hope our Warrior football fans can join us for a fun day of golf," said Anderson. "The tournament is one of our annual fundraising projects and we very much appreciate all the support we receive for our football program."

Registration for the three-person scramble is set for 8 a.m. and will be followed by a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Entry fee is $105 per three-person team or $35 per player. Two mulligans per player will also be available for $5 each.

Lunch is included in the tournament fee and door prizes will also be awarded.

For more information, contact coach Brian Anderson (601-635-6290), coach Kyle Watson (601-635-6348) or coach Derek Pouncey (601-635-6244).

Their e-mail addresses are banderson@eccc.edu, kwatson@eccc.edu and dpouncey@eccc.edu.

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WEEK OF May 10, 2010

ECCC's Brown headed to nationals

Luke Brown, a freshman member of the East Central Community College golf team, has qualified for the NJCAA Golf Championship scheduled May 16-21, at the Palm Valley Golf Club in Phoenix, Ariz.

Brown advances to the prestigious tournament following his successful participation in the NJCAA Region 23 Golf Championship held April 25-26 at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club at Hinds Community College in Raymond.

The former Carthage High School standout finished tied for fifth in the 36-hole event by carding rounds of 74 and 77 for a two-day total of 151, seven over par, and was named to the All-Region 23 squad along with five other golfers representing the state's community and junior colleges.

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LOCAL GOLF

ECCC Warrior Golf Classic Nets $5,800 for Scholarships

from school reports

Several area students will receive financial assistance to attend East Central Community College in Decatur following another successful Warrior Golf Classic.

This year's event, held June 3 at Louisville Country Club, netted $5,800 in scholarship funds for entering freshmen residing in ECCC's five-county district, according to tournament coordinator Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations.

Dr. Hollingsworth said 20 teams participated in the four-person scramble, sponsored since 2002 by the ECCC Alumni Association.

"The 2010 Warrior Golf Classic was another great event for our Alumni Association," said Dr. Hollingsworth. "We are so appreciative to all participants, corporate and hole sponsors, volunteers and staff at Louisville Country Club for another successful tournament."

Dr. Hollingsworth said approximately $33,000 in scholarship monies have been awarded since the tournament's inception. Scholarships are presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held each summer on the Decatur campus.

Cox and Associates Insurance took top honors in the 2010 competition and was also the corporate division winner with a 20-under par 52. Team members included Aubry Cox, Jimmy Bell and Larry Waggoner, all of Carthage; and Bob Jordan of Kosciusko.

The Coley Chambliss team finished second with a 56. Team members included Coley Chambliss, Hal Nowell and Robert Tranum, all of Louisville, and Bo Welch of Union.

The Howard Industries team also shot 56 but finished third in the championship flight following a scorecard playoff. Team members included Rusty Thoms of Madison, Mark Power of Pearl, Jake Hill of Louisville and J.D. Robinson of Raymond.

Also competing in the championship flight and posting a 57 were the Newton County Bank team (Joel Nelson and Ted Whittle, both of Newton; David Burt of Hickory and Allen Massingill of Meridian), and the Van Chancellor and Crowson Auto World team (Heze Chancellor and Reid Ivester, both of Louisville, and Gayden Bell and Brandon Federick, both of Carthage).

FIRST FLIGHT

The First Financial Bank team carded a 58 to win first flight honors. Team members included Billy Mack Stuart, Brad Ogletree, Terry Thomas and John Gregory, all of Carthage. First flight runners-up were Glynn Griffing and Associates, also with a 58. Team members were Glynn Griffin and Brent Walker, both of Jackson, Dr. Milton Walker of Brandon and Haywood Reeves of Forest. Finishing third in the first flight with a 58 were the Chet Hailey team, whose members included Chet Hailey of Philadelphia, Ken Hisaw of Louisville, and Jeff Jones and Jay Bradley, both of Starkville.

Also competing in the first flight were the SIVAD, Inc./ECCC Workforce Team (Chris Clark and Ronnie Westbrook, both of Decatur; and Roger Whitlock and Joseph Knight, both of Union) and the Robert Thomas team (Robert Thomas and Jerry Brantley, both of Philadelphia; Derrell Thomas of Mobile, Ala., and Bill Lundy of Conway, Ark.), each with a 60 score; Community Bank (Steve Gibson, Randy Gibson, Dave Gibson and Vance Cox, all of Forest) and The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia (Ken Jones, James Jones, Rusty Barnett and Randy McElhenney, all of Decatur), each with a 61; and Applied GEO Technologies, Inc. (Grant Ben, Bobby Tubby and Jason Grisham, all of Philadelphia; and James Robinson of Choctaw), 62.

SECOND FLIGHT

Main Street Junction II won the second flight with a 63. Team members included Neil Pettigrew of Philadelphia and Michael Graham, Joey Walters and Brad Breland, all of Union. Second flight runners-up were members of the Bullock Toyota team (Terry Bullock of Louisville, Scotty Stephens of Meridian, Mickey Fowler of Kosciusko and Eric Parker of Starkville), 63; and placing third were the Drs. John and Betsy Mann team (John and Betsy Mann and Dale Joyner, all of Philadelphia and Allen Parkes of Union) with a 65.

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ECCC Warrior Golf Classic

Story & photos submitted

The ninth annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic was held in June at the Louisville Country Club. The event was sponsored by the ECCC Alumni Association. The Warrior Golf Classic provides scholarships for entering freshmen residing in the college's five-county district. This year's Classic netted $5,800 in scholarship funds. East Central serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

WEEK OF August 9, 2010

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ECCC GOLFERS

Members of East Central Community College's golf team for 2010 include (first row, from left) Cole Harris, a product of Newton County High School; Luke Brown, Carthage; Neil Pettigrew, Scott Central; and Griffin Burke, Neshoba Central; (second row, from left) Daniel Moody, Leake Academy; Josh Morehead, Pearl; Crosby McDonald, Leake Academy; and Matthew Bochan, Franklin (Tenn.) High School; and (top row, from left) Jordan Smith, Union; Trent Travis, Leake Academy; and Coach James Moore. Moore serves as a golf professional at Forest Country Club.

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JUCO GOLF

Clark named Warriors' golf coach

from school reports

DECATUR — Chris Clark was recently named golf coach at East Central Community College, announced Warriors athletic director Chris Harris.

Clark is a former golf standout at ECCC, where he received MACJC All-State honors as a freshman in 1983-84 and was also recognized as state medalist. He was chosen on the NJCAA All-Region 23 Team in 1984-85.

Clark

Clark is following in the footsteps of his father, Joe Clark, who led the ECCC golf program for 30 of his 34 years on staff. He retired as golf coach in 2001.

In addition to responsibilities as golf coach, Clark will continue to serve the College as workforce development coordinator, a position he has held since fall 2002.

A graduate of Decatur High School, Clark holds an associate's degree in business administration from ECCC and has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi.

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WEEK OF 2-1-2010

ECCC Announces Soccer Tryouts

Tryouts are scheduled for East Central Community College's 2010 soccer teams, announced Kenneth Thompson, head coach.

Tryouts for the men's team will be held Tuesday, Feb. 9, and activities for the women's squad are set for Wednesday, Feb. 10. Tryouts start at 2 p.m. each day.

Coach Thompson said participants need to provide their own gear for the tryouts.

For more information, contact Coach Kenneth Thompson, 601-635-6370 or e-mail kthompson@eccc.edu.

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ECCC PHOTO

NEW ECCC SOCCER WARRIORS

Newton County High School soccer standouts Kyle Dunkerson (seated second from left) and Tyler Reeves are shown signing national letters-of-intent to continue their careers in 2010 as Warriors at East Central Community College in Decatur. Dunkerson has been on the soccer team for two years. Reeves, a five-year team member, received All-Division honors in 2008. Also seated are (from left) Kenneth Thompson, ECCC soccer coach; and Steven Sollie, Cougar soccer coach. Standing from left are signees' parents, Angela Kyzar, and Kent and Beth Reeves.

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ECCC WOMEN'S SOCCER SIGNEES

These soccer standouts at Newton County High School are shown signing national letters-of-intent to continue their careers at East Central Community College in Decatur. Joining the Warriors for the 2010 season are (seated from left) Sam Cooley, goalkeeper; Nikki Cumberland, defender; Emily Lucy, defender/midfielder; Wendy McCracken, forward/goalkeeper; and Carrie Rushing, midfielder/forward. Cooley has been a member of the Cougar soccer team for one year. Cumberland, a five-year team member, received All-Division honors in 2007, 2008 and 2009 and was named the Cougars' most valuable defensive player award in 2008. Lucy, a six-year team member, made the All-Division team in 2008 and 2009. McCracken, also a six-year team member, received the team's goalkeeper award and was named honorable mention All-Division, both in 2009. Also seated is Chad Bond, Cougar soccer coach. Standing from left are signees' parents, Shannon and Stephanie Cooley; Jeff Cumberland and Donna Hemphill; William and Tamara Lucy; Penny McCracken; and Karla and Randy Rushing. Also standing is Kenneth Thompson, ECCC soccer coach.

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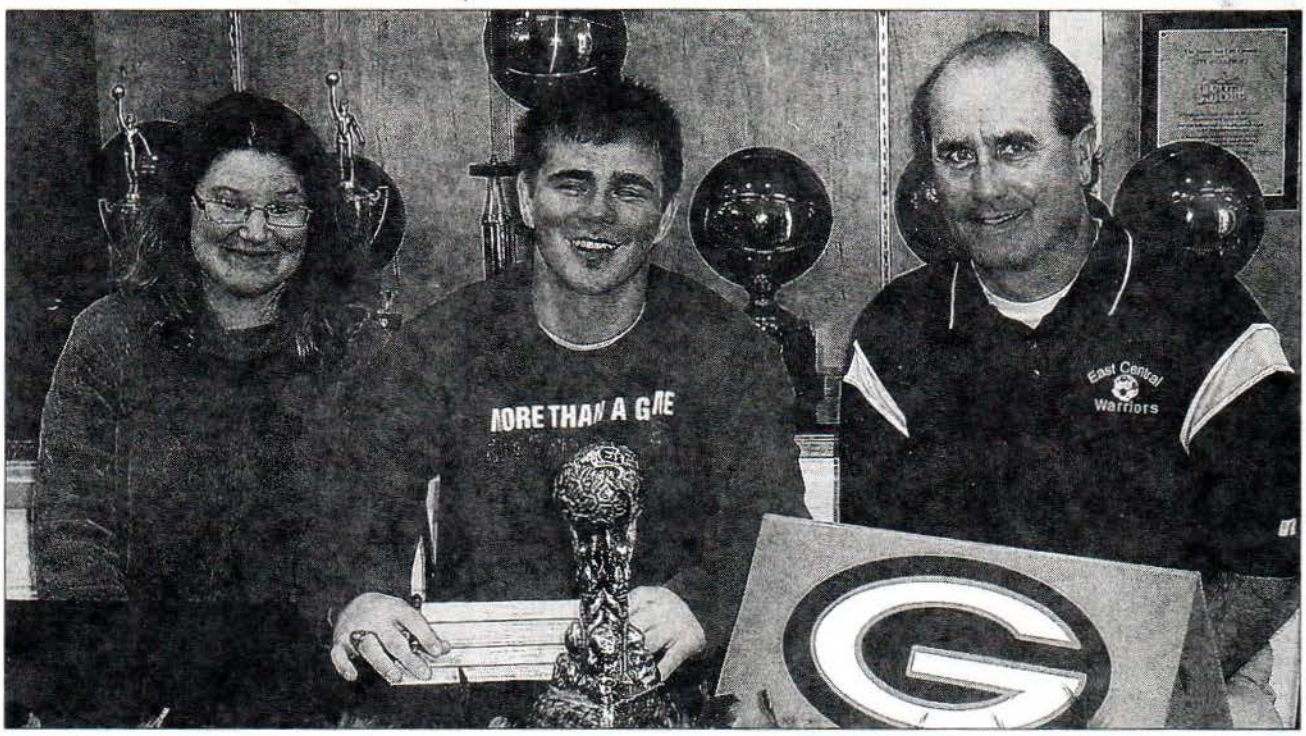

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Gulfport High School soccer standout Erik Dries (seated center) has signed a national letter of intent to continue his career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Dries, a defender, helped lead Gulfport to the Class 6A State Championship this past season and the runner-up title in 2009. He is projected to play midfield for the Soccer Warriors, who are coached by Kenneth Thompson (seated at right). Also pictured is Dries' mother, Ange Dries. The ECCC signee is also the son of Erik Dries, Sr., a member of the U.S. Navy recently deployed to Spain.

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WEEK OF March 29, 2010

ECCC soccer team earns NJCAA academic award

Academic excellence has again been achieved by the East Central Community College women's soccer program. The 2009 squad was named NJCAA Women's Soccer Academic Team of the Year, after earning a 3.45 grade point average for the fall 2009 term. The Lady Soccer Warriors edged Navarro College of Corsicana, Texas, for the prestigious honor. Navarro posted a 3.43 GPA. The Lady Bulldogs of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College finished third with a 3.42 GPA. Itawamba Community College was also among the top academic teams and finished ninth with a 3.29 grade point average. ECCC previously won the top academic award in 2005 with a 3.51 GPA and finished fifth (3.24 GPA) in 2006, fourth (3.26 GPA) in 2007 and sixth in 2008 (3.31). The Lady Soccer Warriors are featured in the latest issue of JUCO Review, the official publication of the National Junior College Athletic Association, in recognition of the award. Team members and their respective high schools include, from left, seated, forward/midfielder/keeper Laurel Burnett, Neshoba Central; defender Kathyrn White, Northeast Lauderdale; forward Jessy Harrison and midfielder Monica Vincent, both of Newton County; midfielder/team captain Alanna Fairchild, Neshoba Central; and midfielder Marcia Guerreiro, Richland; kneeling, midfielder Liz Withers, Neshoba Central; defenders Lisa Tubby of Philadelphia and Sarah Costello of Northeast Lauderdale; midfielder/forward Polly Vaughn, Newton County; defender Jasmine Buclon, New Albany; and midfielder Mamie Shannon, a home-schooled student of Union; and, standing, Kenneth Thompson, head coach; Brooke White, assistant coach; midfielder/defender Jacqueline Pionan, Jerupang International, Labuan, Malaysia; keepers/defenders Brandy Greer of Carthage and Brooke Boulton of Newton County; and managers Jarvis Jordan of Long Beach and Jesus Martinez of Grenada; and Kayla Moorehead, East Rankin Academy. Not pictured is keeper Anna-Rose Blaylock of Newton County Academy. (EC Photo)

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East Central Community College 7-A-Side Soccer Camps

East Central Community College is again hosting High School 7-A-Side Soccer camps on the Decatur campus, announced Kenneth Thompson, ECCC soccer coach.

Competition for high school boys is scheduled Saturday, June 5 and will be followed by the high school girls' camp Saturday, June 12.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. for each camp. Cost is $20 per camper, which includes insurance, lunch and a camp T-shirt.

A trophy will be awarded to the overall camp champion and medallions will be presented to members of the winning team.

For more information, contact Coach Kenneth Thompson, 601-635-6370 or 601-938-3271.

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New Lady Warrior Soccer Signees

Joining the East Central Community College women's soccer program for the 2010 campaign are the above student-athletes from Newton County High School. Seated from left are defender Cayla Engle, midfielder Laci Hand and defender Nikki Cumberland, and (standing) midfielder Emily Lucy, forward Wendy McCracken, midfielder Carrie Rushing, and keeper Samantha Cooley. Kenneth Thompson serves as soccer head coach.

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WEEK OF June 7, 2010

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NEW ECCC SOCCER WARRIORS

New members of the East Central Community College men's soccer team for 2010-11 were recognized during a ceremony held recently on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are defender Tyler Reeves, a product of Newton County High School; midfielder/defender Colby Fulton, defender Marshall White and midfielder Josh Scafide, all of Long Beach; and defender/midfielder Erik Dries, Gulfport. Standing from left are forward Frederick Davis, Jackson Jim Hill; defender Joey Lawn, West Lauderdale; forward/midfielder Matthew Hill, Pensacola (Fla.) Catholic; defender Kyle Dunkerson, Newton County; *position player Miquel Lewis, Forest*; and keeper Chad Mangum, Oak Hill Academy. Other new players but not pictured include midfielder Wayne O'Neal of Long Beach, forward/midfielder Miquel Medrano of East Ascension High School in Gonzales, La., and defender/forward Spencer Cash of Lake. Kenneth Thompson serves as soccer head coach.

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Shaw Inks ECCC Soccer Scholarship

Kelsey Shaw (seated) of Forest is shown signing a national letter of intent to play soccer at East Central Community College in Decatur. Shaw, a 2010 graduate of Lake High School, has seven years experience in recreational soccer. Also pictured are (standing from left) her parents, Elvis and Sandra Shaw of Forest, and ECCC soccer coach Kenneth Thompson.

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WEEK OF 2-2-10

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ATHLETES RECEIVE SOCCER SCHOLARSHIPS

Former East Rankin Academy student-athletes Kristen Grace Nettles (seated left) and Taylor Lynch are shown signing national letters of intent to play soccer at East Central Community College in Decatur. Nettles, a 5-5 midfielder, was a two-year participant in high school soccer and has five years experience in recreational league competition. Taylor, a 5-7 defender, has four years of soccer experience. She is also the recipient of All-Star and most improved honors. Pictured with the new Lady Soccer Warriors are (standing from left) are the signees' parents, Troy and Anita Nettles of Forest and Melissa Lynch of Morton, and Kenneth Thompson, ECCC soccer coach.

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ECCC soccer squads host Co-Lin in season opener

from school reports

Competition gets under way today for the East Central Community College soccer squads who take on Copiah-Lincoln Community College in non-division match-ups starting at 2 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

East Central continues its homestand by entertaining Southwest Mississippi Community College on Tuesday. Game times are 2 and 4 p.m. The Soccer Warriors host Wallace State at 2 p.m. on Sept. 3.

ECCC soccer coach Kenneth Thompson said expectations are "very high" for successful campaigns as both squads prepare for a new season in a new division. For the first time, ECCC soccer teams are members of the MACJC North Division along with Holmes, Itawamba, Hinds and Northwest. The South Division includes Gulf Coast, Co-Lin, Southwest, Jones County and Pearl River.

"I'm impressed with the talent level of both teams, even though each squad is mostly composed of freshmen," Thompson said. "Everyone is really working hard toward the same goal....which is to have a successful season."

Defender Brooke Boulton is the top returnee for the East Central women. Boulton was an MACJC All-State selection and received the team's Golden Boot Award. She is a product of Newton County High School.

Other sophomores include forward Laurel Burnett, a product of Neshoba Central High School; midfielders Monica Vincent and Jessy Harrison, and midfielder/forward Polly Vaughn, all products of Newton County High School; and defender Kathryn White of Northeast Lauderdale High School; and keeper Anna-Rose Blaylock of Newton County Academy.

Burnett was an All-District goalie and forward at Neshoba Central. Vincent, who received the Warriors' hustle award last season, served as a team captain at Newton County in addition to receiving first team All-District honors. She also received the Cougar award. Harrison was also an All-District selection at Newton County and received most improved player and captain awards.

Freshman players include midfielder/forward Carrie Rushing, midfielders Laci Hand and Emily Lucy, defenders Nikki Cumberland and Cayla Engle and forward/keeper Wendy McCracken, all of Newton County High School; midfielder Kelsey Shaw, and defender Taylor Lynch and midfielder Kristen Grace Nettles.

Hand was an All-District selection and Lucy received the honor on three occasions. Cumberland also made All-District in addition to receiving most valuable defensive player and most improved awards. McCracken was chosen first team All-Division.

Midfielder Alejandro Chavez, an MACJC All-State selection in 2009, is the top returnee for the East Central men.

Other sophomores include defender Justin Huguet, forward Ben Stewart, midfielders Jackson Therrien of Newton County Academy, Joey Walker of Newton County High School, David Galvin, Zack Hutson, and keeper Micah McKee of West Lauderdale.

Stewart received the best forward award at Grenada. Walker served as team captain for the Cougars and received the Senior Award. Hutson was named best offensive player at McComb.

Freshmen include forwards Frederick Davis, Matthew Hill, Miguel Lewis, midfielders Josh Scafide, Miguel Medrano, Kyle Dunkerson and Aaron Scoggin, both of Newton County; Wayne O'Neal and Colby Fulton; defenders Erik Dries, Joey Lawn of West Lauderdale, Tyler Reeves of Newton County, Chris Johnson and Marshall White; forward/midfielder Jared Walker and keepers Chad Magnum and Jacob Scoggin of Newton County.

Scoggin twice received All-District honors and was named District MVP in 2009 and most valuable offensive player in 2008. He was also twice named the Cougars' most valuable offensive player. Lawn was a second team All-District selection at West Lauderdale and received Rookie of the Year honors.

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ECCC Soccer Warriors

Members of the East Central Community College men's soccer team for 2010 include (seated from left) defender Justin Huguet, forwards Fredrick Davis and Ben Stewart, midfielders Josh Scafide and Alejandro Chavez, midfielder Jackson Therrien, and forwards Matthew Hill and Eric Dries; (kneeling) managers Jesus Martinez and Kayla Moorehead, defender Joey Lawn, midfielders David Galvin, Miguel Medrano, and Zach Hutson, forward Miguel Lewis, defenders Chris Johnson and Tyler Reeves, midfielder Kyle Dunkerson, and manager Kyle Gentry, and (standing) head coach Kenneth Thompson; midfielder Wayne O'Neal, and defenders Colby Fulton and Marshall White, keepers Micah McKee and Chad Mangum, defender Aaron Scoggin, forward/midfielder Jared Walker, defender Joey Walker, and manager Jarvis Jordan.

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ECCC Lady Soccer Warriors

Members of the East Central Community College women's soccer team for 2010 include (seated, from left) forward Laurel Burnett, of Neshoba Central; defender Kathryn White, Northeast Lauderdale; midfielder/forward Carrie Rushing, midfielder Monica Vincent, forward/keeper Wendy McCracken, and midfielders Laci Hand and Jessy Harrison, all of Newton County; (kneeling) managers Jesus Martinez of Grenada and Kayla Moorehead of Morton; midfielders Polly Vaughn of Newton County and Kelsey Shaw, of Lake; defender Nikki Cumberland, midfielder Emily Lucy and defender Cayla Engle, all of Newton County; and (standing) managers Jarvis Jordan of Long Beach and Kyle Gentry of Neshoba Central; defender Taylor Lynch, East Rankin Academy; keeper Anna-Rose Blaylock of Newton County Academy; defender Brooke Boulton, Newton County; midfielder Kristen Grace Nettles, East Rankin Academy; and head coach Kenneth Thompson.

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WEEK OF 12/5/10

Sophomore Lady Soccer Warriors Honored

Sophomores on the 2010 East Central Community College women's soccer team were honored at the annual Fall Sports Banquet held Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010, in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are midfielder Monica Vincent, a product of Newton County High School; forward Laurel Burnett, Neshoba Central; and keeper Anna-Rose Blaylock, Newton County Academy. Standing from left are midfielder Jessy Harrison, NCHS, and manager Kayla Morehead of Morton, a product of East Rankin Academy. Sophomores not pictured include midfielder Kathryn White of Northeast Lauderdale, wing/midfielder Polly Vaughn and defender Brooke Boulton, both of NCHS. Kenneth Thompson serves as head coach. (EC Photo)

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Soccer team honored

Above are members of the 2010 East Central Community College men's soccer team who received various honors at the annual fall sports banquet held recently. Seated, from left, are forward Erik Dries of Gulfport, Golden Boot and hustle awards; and keeper Chad Mangum of Oak Hill Academy in West Point, Warrior Award. Standing from left are midfielder Jackson Therrien of Newton County Academy, team captain; defender/forward/midfielder Joey Walker of Newton County High School, Scholar Athlete; and midfielder Aaron Scoggin of NCHS, MACJC All-State. (EC Photo)

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Samantha Cooley (seated third from left), a softball standout at Newton County High School, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue her career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Cooley, a third baseman/first baseman, helped lead the Lady Cougars to state championships in fastpitch (2007, 2008) and slowpitch (2005, 2007, 2008). Shown with the new Lady Diamond Warrior are (seated from left) Justin Chaney, Newton County head softball coach; Kristin Chaney, ECCC assistant softball coach; and Scott Hill, ECCC head softball coach. Standing are Regina Anderson (Samantha's mother), Becky Lockley (Samantha's aunt) and Stephanie and Shannon Cooley (Samantha's step-mother and father), all of Decatur.

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ECCC SOFTBALL

East Central hopes to continue successful ways in 2010

from school reports

DECATUR — After six successful years of leading the East Central Community College women's softball program, head coach Scott Hill is hoping the 2010 squad will accomplish what no other team has yet to achieve: a championship season.

If the fall campaign is an indicator for success; then this just might be the year for Warrior softball. The first test of 2010 is Feb. 19, when East Central takes on Mississippi Delta Community College in a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

"We had a really good fall campaign," Hill said. "We were satisfied with the way we played in the fall with this team and hope that we will be able to carry that over to this spring."

Hill, whose overall record at ECCC is 190-82 and includes three MACJC Central Division titles, knows competition will again be tough this year, as teams are once again divided into North and South divisions for the second-straight year.

During previous seasons, competition was divided into North, Central and South divisions. East Central has advanced to postseason play each season during Hill's leadership.

Hill said the keys to success in the "extremely competitive" South Division begin with his pitching staff.

"It appears we will be able to rely on our pitching to keep us in games and give us a chance to be successful," Hill said. "That will be so key in our ability to advance out of the extremely competitive MACJC South Division."

Surprisingly, this year's pitching staff includes all freshmen: Taylor Bailey, a product of Bowie High School in Austin, Texas, and former standout at Southeast Lauderdale High School; Kasie Buckley, Newton County High School; Morgan Malone, Madison Central; and Shelby Smith, Union. Buckley also plays shortstop; Malone, first or third base; and Smith, third base.

All four hurlers had accomplished careers at their respective high schools. Bailey's honors include receiving "Player of the Week" recognition by The Clarion-Ledger. Buckley was named All-State and All-District and received pitching, RBI and team captain awards. She helped lead the Cougars to five state championships.

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With a talent-laden squad ready to take the field in 2010, Hill is obviously expecting a successful season.

"I think this teams feels like they can compete well," said Hill. "We know that it is a long, tough schedule and so many things can happen. If a few things go our way, maybe a few of the lofty goals we have set for ourselves will be accomplished."

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LA duo signs ECCC softball offers

Leake Academy softball standouts Layna Phillips, seated second from left, and Haelie Allen, seated third from left, both outfielders, are shown signing national letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at East Central Community College in Decatur. Phillips is an All-District selection and received the captain award. Allen has received All-District and All-Star recognition and serves as team captain. Also seated are Kristin Chaney (left), ECCC assistant softball coach, and Scott Hill, ECCC head softball coach. Standing from left are Phillips' parents, Destry and Lisa Phillips of Lena; Doug Jones, Leake Academy head softball coach; and Allen's parents, Kathy and David Allen of Ludlow. (EC Photo)

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Lady Diamond Warriors hoping success breeds success

After six successful years of leading the East Central Community College women's softball program, head coach Scott Hill is hoping the 2010 squad will accomplish what no other team has yet to achieve: a championship season.

If the fall campaign is an indicator for success; then this just might be the "year" for Lady Warrior softball. The first test of 2010 is Friday, Feb. 19, when East Central takes on Mississippi Delta Community College in doubleheader action beginning at 1 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

"We had a really good fall campaign," Hill said. "We were satisfied with the way we played in the fall with this team and hope that we will be able to carry that over to this spring."

Hill, whose overall record at ECCC is 190-82 and includes three MACJC Central Division titles, knows competition will again be tough this year, as teams are once again divided into North and South divisions for the second-straight year. During previous seasons, competition was divided into North, Central and South divisions. East Central has advanced to post-season play each season during Hill's leadership.

Hill said the keys to success in the "extremely competitive" South Division begin with his pitching staff.

"It appears we will be able to rely on our pitching to keep us in games and give us a chance to be successful," Hill said. "That will be so key in our ability to advance out of the extremely competitive MACJC South Division."

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Chishom batted .325 and collected 17 RBIs. She also had two homers, three triples and two doubles, and scored 20 runs. She received the most improved player award last year.

Farlow posted a .316 batting average and knocked in two runs. She had one double and scored five runs.

Lee batted .243 and had six RBIs. She had two home runs, four doubles and scored 14 runs.

Above are members of the 2010 East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team. Lady Diamond Warriors and their respective high schools include (first row, from left) catcher/infielder Paige Holsen, Union; Hailey Chisolm, infielder, Neshoba Central; outfielder Olivia Maher, East Ascension High School, Gonzales, La.; Sierra Farlow, infielder, Neshoba Central; Shelby Smith, outfielder/pitcher, Union; Lauren Nicholas, infielder, and Abbie Joiner, outfielder/catcher, both of Neshoba Central; and Chelsea Jones, infielder, Enterprise; (second row, from left) Brittany Cochran, infielder, Newton County; Summer Alexander, outfielder/catcher, Newton County; Emily Breland, outfielder, Neshoba Central; outfielder Hannah Lee, Leake Academy; infielder/pitcher Kasie Buckley, Newton County; infielder/pitcher Morgan Malone, Madison Central; pitcher Taylor Bailey, Bowie High School, Austin, Texas; and (top row, from left) managers Monica James of Leake Academy, Christian Ortega of Forest and Sydney Tucker of Neshoba Central; Scott Hill, head coach; and Kristin Chaney, assistant.

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In addition to the freshman pitching staff, other first-year team members include Summer Alexander, an outfielder/catcher and product of Newton County High School; Abbie Joiner, an outfielder/catcher and Lauren Nicholas, a second baseman/shortstop, both from Neshoba Central; Chelsea Jones, a first baseman from Enterprise; and Olivia Maher, an outfielder from East Ascension High School in Gonzales, La.

Alexander was named to All-State and All-District teams and helped lead Newton County to five state championships. She also received team captain, hitting and defensive awards.

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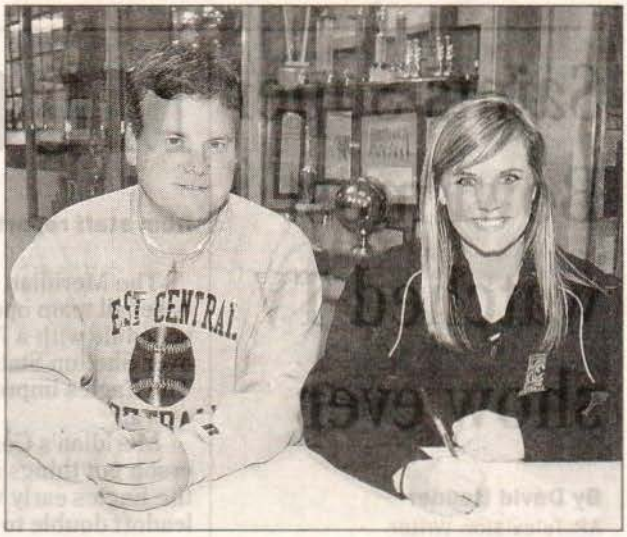

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THE NEXT LEVEL

Chelsea Jones, a former softball standout at Enterprise High School, recently signed a national letter of intent to continue her career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Jones, a freshman infielder, was an All-District selection at Enterprise. ECCC head softball coach Scott Hill is pictured with his new Lady Diamond Warrior.

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WEEK OF 2-15-2010

EC women stay in playoff chase

from combined reports

Two wins on the hardwood last week kept postseason hopes alive for the Lady Warriors of East Central Community College.

The Lady Warriors, 12-9, knocked off Hinds (69-65) and Gulf Coast (68-66).

The top four teams in each division qualify for the MACJC State Tournament, scheduled Feb. 22-25 and hosted by the North Division women's winner.

The EC men lost to Hinds (86-65) and Gulf Coast (89-65) to drop to 5-16.

EC wraps up the regular season at home Thursday against Jones.

EC women	**69**
Hinds	**65**

EC improved to 11-9 overall and 3-6 in the MACJC South Division with the Feb. 8 win at Utica.

Sophomore guard Danielle Cole of Philadelphia led EC with 16 points.

Also scoring were Yolanda Jones with 14, Shantel Neely with 10, Demetria Slocum with nine, Hannah Lee with six, and Sierra Croff of Newton County and Bianca Thomas of Sebastopol with four each.

Kiana McCarty had 18 points to lead Hinds, 6-15.

EC held a 46-35 advantage at halftime.

Hinds	**86**
EC men	**65**

The Warriors continued their downward slide, falling by 21 points to the Bulldogs at Utica.

Jonathan McLenden, a 6-7 freshman forward from Houston, Texas, pumped in 20 points to lead the Warriors, who dropped to 5-15 and 1-8.

Also scoring were Elijah Tanksley and Keondre Hodges with 10 each, Kenneth Thomas with eight, Steve Edwards with seven, and Antonio Grace with five.

Mark Wilkerson had 16 points to lead Hinds, which improved to 16-5 and 6-3.

Hinds led 37-26 at halftime.

EC women	**68**
Gulf Coast	**66**

Hannah Lee's 3-point shot from the top of the key with 11.7 seconds remaining helped propel the Lady Warriors to a stunning 68-66 win over visiting Mississippi Gulf Coast Thursday night in Decatur.

With the key MACJC South Division victory, EC's women improved to 12-9 overall and more importantly

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4-6 in league action and kept alive their playoff hopes. The Lady Bulldogs dropped to 8-16 and 4-7. The two teams are battling for fourth place in the division.

Following Lee's trey — her third of the evening — teammate Danielle Cole was fouled after taking possession on a Gulf Coast turnover, and made the first of two free throw attempts with 8.9 seconds remaining.

Lee, a Leake Academy product, led EC with 17 points and seven rebounds. Her 3-pointer with 22 seconds left cut the Gulf Coast lead to 65-64.

Cole was the second-leading scorer with 16 points. Other point makers were Quintentte Odom with eight and Shanequa Bufkin with six.

Brooke Eccles pumped in 25 points to lead Gulf Coast.

EC trailed 31-27 at halftime.

Gulf Coast	**89**
EC men	**65**

The visiting Bulldogs rolled to an easy thumping of EC, which fell to 5-16 and 1-9.

Kenneth Thomas led EC with 23 points. Steve Edwards of Newton had 14.

Travis Rasco had 28 points to lead Gulf Coast, 16-9 and 6-5.

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WEEK OF 3-1-2010

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Lady Diamond Warriors improve to 5-1

Lady Diamond Warrior Lauren Nicholas slaps a base hit in the first game of East Central Community College's doubleheader with visiting Northwest Mississippi Community Wednesday, Feb. 24, on the Decatur campus. Nicholas, a freshman infielder, is a product of Neshoba Central High School. East Central cruised 13-5 in the opener and held on for a 3-0 win to sweep the Lady Rangers and improve to 5-1 on the young season.

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WEEK OF 3-8-2010

AREA ROUNDUP

ECCC sweeps Mississippi Delta

Lady Diamond Warriors improve to 14-1-1

Another doubleheader sweep was recorded by the East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team, which grabbed a pair of contests from Mississippi Delta Monday afternoon in Moorhead and improved to 14-1-1 on the 2010 campaign.

The Lady Diamond Warriors overcame an early 1-0 deficit to claim a 9-3 decision in the opener, and jumped out to a 9-0 lead after two innings in the second contest and cruised 14-5.

Sophomores Hailey Chisolm, of Neshoba Central, and Brittany Cochran, a Product of Newton County High School, led the EC offense in the first game with three hits each. Chisolm belted two doubles and a single and Cochran was credited with a double and two singles. Also with multiple hits were Summer Alexander of Newton County, double and single; and Kaci Buckley, also of Newton County, and Taylor Bailey, of Bowie High School in Austin, Texas, two singles each.

Bailey was also the winning pitcher, improving to 6-1 on the season. She allowed two runs on three hits through five innings. She also fanned three batters and walked one. Malone hurled the final two innings and allowed one run on one hit.

In the second contest, Alexander led the offense with three hits - a triple, double and single- and collected three RBIs. Nicholas contributed two singles and three RBIs and Paige Holsen of Union slammed another home run. Chisolm and Buckley had doubles each and Lee had a single.

Buckley got the win on the mound and improved to 8-0. She hurled 3 1/3 scoreless innings and allowed two hits. She also fanned three batters and walked one. Shelby Smith of Union pitched two-thirds of an inning, allowing four runs on three hits.

She also walked three batters. Malone pitched a shutout in the final 1 1/3 innings, allowing one hit. She also fanned one batter.

Next up for Scott Hill's Lady Diamond Warriors is the MACJC South Division opener, scheduled Wednesday at Jones County Junior College. Game times are set for 3 and 5 p.m. on the Ellisville campus.

— from school reports

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ECCC tennis teams fall to ICC

East Central Community College's tennis teams were defeated by Itawamba squads Monday in non-division competition held at Gaddis Park in Forest.

The Warriors fell 5-4 in their matchup and dropped to 3-4 on the 2010 campaign, while the Warriors were blanked 9-0 and fell to 2-5 overall.

Elise Gibbs, a product of Newton County High School, and Abby McMillan of Newton County Academy, were the only Warrior winners in singles competition. Gibbs defeated Sudduth, 6-2, 6-3; and McMillan clipped Thomas, 3-6, 6-2, 1-0 (10-6).

Rachel Ramirez fell to Randle, 6-0, 6-3; Hannah Peoples, of Newton County Academy, lost to Byrd, 6-1, 6-3; and Sami Elkins was defeated by Dismuke, 6-1, 6-1.

In women's doubles, Gibbs and McMillan lost to Thomas/Sudduth, 8-0; and Ramirez and Peoples fell to Randle/Byrd, 8-1.

In men's singles, Colton Amis, a Newton County High School product, fell to Wilkinson, 6-0, 6-1; Will Marston, of Union, lost to Prudencia, 6-3, 6-0; Zac White, of Union, was shut out by Raines, 6-0, 6-0; Jason Hancock lost to Thomas, 6-0, 6-2; Dee Walker, of Newton County, lost to Fulgham, 6-0, 6-1; and Matt Griffin, of Union, was clipped by Folls, 6-3, 6-3.

In men's doubles, Amis and Walker fell to Wilkinson/Prudencia, 8-4; Marston and Hancock lost to Fulgham/Thomas, 8-2; and Griffin and White were defeated by Raines/Walker, 8-0.

— from school reports

LATE PREP SOFTBALL

Clarkdale	**3**
Newton Co.	**2**

Clarkdale improved to 3-2-1 on the season as it downed rival Newton County by a single run.

Sarah Harris paced the Bulldogs with three hits including a double and a RBI. Corey Roberson and Sarah Beckman each had RBI singles, while Amber Spann had two hits.

Erin Adcock got the win for Clarkdale. Emily Davis took the loss on the mound for Newton County.

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Lady Diamond Warriors sweep Holmes, EMCC

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Above, left, sophomore third baseman Hailey Chisolm makes a successful throw to first base with this effort to record ar during the first game of East Central Community College's doubleheader sweep of East Mississippi Thursday on the Dec campus. Above, right, Lauren Nicholas, a freshman infielder, gave East Central Community College an early 1-0 lead this slide in the first game. Chisolm and Nicholas are both products of Neshoba Central High School.

National recognition should come soon for Scott Hill and his East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team, which improved to 12-1-1 following recent doubleheader sweeps.

The Lady Diamond Warriors clipped Holmes by scores of 4-2 and 10-1 Saturday on the Goodman campus and defeated East Mississippi 5-1 and 8-1 Thursday in Decatur.

Sophomore Brittany Cochran and freshman Kaci Buckley belted doubles each to lead the EC offense in the opener. Both are products of Newton County High School.

Freshman hurler Taylor Bailey got the win and improved to 5-1. Bailey is a product of Bowie High School in Austin, Texas.

In the second contest, Bailey homered for the EC offense, which tallied six runs in the first inning and cruised to the five-inning victory.

Buckley was the winning pitcher and improved to 7-0.

In the sweep over East Mississippi, Bailey slapped a doubled and single, Paige Holsen of Union had two singles and Summer Alexander homered to lead the EC offense. Alexander is a product of Newton County High School.

Other sluggers were Lauren Nicholas of Neshoba Central, Cochran and Hannah Lee of Leake Academy, singles each.

Bailey picked up the win, as she allowed one run on one hit through 5 2/3 innings. She also fanned four batters.

In the second game, Buckley belted two home runs and Lee homered and singled to lead the offense. Also credited with multiple hits were Nicholas and Sierra Farlow of Neshoba Central, two singles each. Other sluggers were Alexander and Cochran, doubles each; and Hailey Chisolm of Neshoba Central and Shelby Smith of Union, singles each.

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The Lady Diamond Warriors traveled to Mississippi Delta Monday, March 8 will travel to Jones Co Wednesday, March 10. Central hosts Pearl I Friday, March 12.

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ECCC Lady Diamond Warriors improve to 8-1-1

East Central Community College's Lady Diamond Warriors recorded their second doubleheader sweep of Northwest Mississippi Community College in 2010 and improved to 8-1-1 following the non-division contests Wednesday on the Senatobia campus.

Scott Hill's talented squad took an early 3-0 lead in the opener and held on for a 5-2 decision, and cruised to a 9-2 win in the second contest to complete the sweep.

Hailey Chisolm of Neshoba Central and Brittany Cochran, a product of Newton County High School, each doubled and singled to lead the EC offense in the first game. Chislom also had two RBIs and Cochran knocked in a run.

Other sluggers were Lauren Nicholas of Neshoba Central, two singles; and Summer Alexander and Kasi Buckley, both Newton County products, singles each. Nicholas was also credited with two RBIs and Alexander knocked in a run.

Taylor Bailey was the winning pitcher, allowing two runs on seven hits during the seven-inning matchup. She also fanned eight batters and walked two. Bailey is a product of Bowie High School in Austin, Texas.

In the second contest, the Lady Diamond Warriors got all the runs they needed in the second inning as five runs crossed the plate.

Alexander led the 17-hit attack by belting a triple and three singles. She also led in RBIs with three.

Other hitters were Nicholas, three singles; Chisolm, double and single; Paige Holsen and Shelby Smith, both of Union, two singles each; Cochran, double; and Chelsea Jones of Enterprise, Sierra Farlow of Neshoba Central and Olivia Maher, a product of East Ascension High School in Gonzales, La., singles each.

Buckley was the winning pitcher and continued her success on the mound by not allowing an earned run during the 2010 campaign. She pitched 6 2/3 innings, allowing just three hits. She fanned one batter and walked two.

Lady Diamond Warriors battle East Mississippi Community College today (Thursday) beginning at 1 p.m. on the Decatur campus. www.eccc.edu

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Lady Diamond Warriors off to torrid start

from school reports

National recognition should come soon for coach Scott Hill and his East Central Community College fastpitch softball team, which improved to 12-1-1 following recent doubleheader sweeps of East Mississippi and Holmes.

The Lady Diamond Warriors defeated East Mississippi 5-1 and 8-1 Thursday in Decatur and Holmes by scores of 4-2 and 10-1 Saturday on the Goodman campus.

After going to Mississippi Delta on Monday, the Lady Warriors are scheduled to travel to Jones today, then host Pearl River on Saturday.

ECCC	**4-10**
Holmes	**2-1**

Sophomore Brittney Cochran and freshman Kasie Buckley both belted doubles to lead the EC offense in Saturday's opener. Both are products of Newton County High School.

Freshman hurler Taylor Bailey got the win and improved to 5-1. Bailey is a product of Bowie High School in Austin, Texas, after previously pitching at Southeast Lauderdale.

Paige Holsen of Union singles in ECCC's doubleheader sweep of East Mississippi.

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Buckley was the winning pitcher and improved to 7-0.

ECCC	**5-8**
East Mississippi	**1-1**

In Thursday's opener with East Mississippi in Decatur, Taylor Bailey slapped a double and a single, Paige Holsen of Union had two singles, and Summer Alexander of Newton County homered to lead the Lady Warrior offense.

Other sluggers were Lauren Nicholas of Neshoba Central, Brittney Cochran of Newton County, and Hannah Lee of Leake Academy, each with a single.

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Lauren Nicholas gave East Central Community College an early 1-0 lead with this slide in the first game of a doubleheader sweep of East Mississippi Community College Thursday on the Decatur campus. The Lady Diamond Warriors won the opener 5-1 and cruised 8-1 in the second contest to complete the sweep and improve to 10-1-1. Nicholas, a freshman infielder, is a product of Neshoba Central High School.

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Also credited with multiple hits were Nicholas and Sierra Farlow of Neshoba Central with two singles each. Other sluggers were Alexander and Cochran, both with a double; and Hailey Chisolm of Neshoba Central and Shelby Smith of Union, both with a single.

Buckley was the winning pitcher. She hurled five scoreless innings and allowed five hits. She also fanned four batters and walked one.

WEEK OF March 29, 2010

Lady Warriors rally for split at Co-Lin

from school reports

East Central Community College's softball team rallied from a 5-0 deficit to claim a 7-6 win in the second game of a doubleheader with Copiah-Lincoln Community College last Wednesday in Wesson, earning a split of the MACJC South Division doubleheader after falling 4-3 in the opener.

The Lady Diamond Warriors, whose record stands at 22-3-1 overall following the split, was led at the plate in the second contest by Lauren Nicholas of Neshoba Central with a double, two singles, and two RBI.

Also producing multiple hits were Paige Holsen of Union, Leake Academy product Hannah Lee of Philadelphia and Hailey Chisolm of Neshoba Central. Holsen and Lee each had a double and a single with two RBIs. Chisolm was credited with two singles.

Morgan Malone of Madison Central contributed a single and a RBI and Brittany Cochran of Newton County singled.

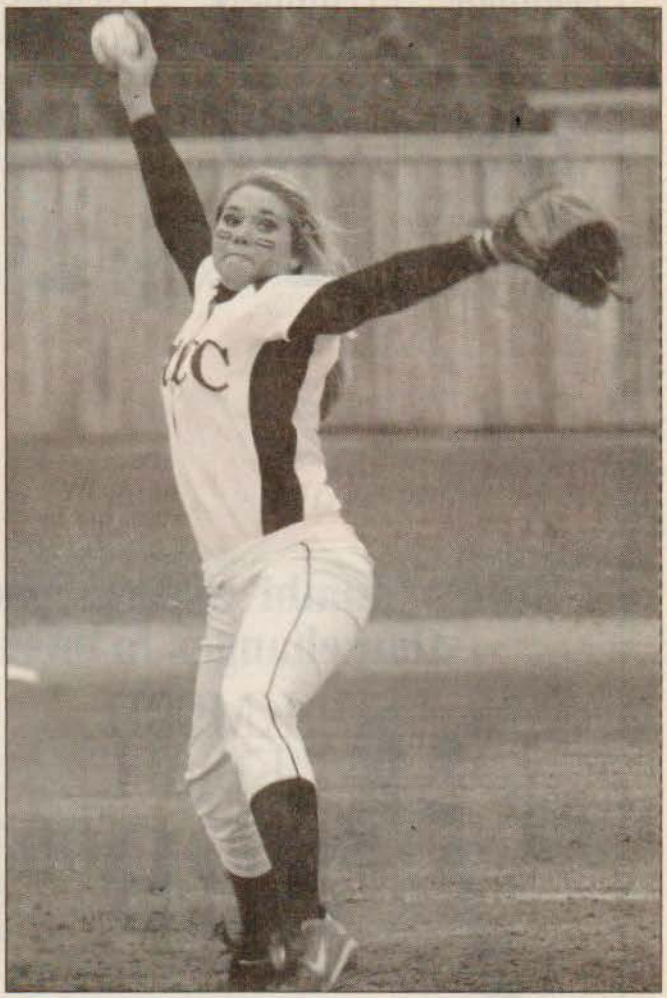
Hurler Kasie Buckley of Newton County notched the win to remain perfect on the season with a 13-0 record. Buckley allowed three earned runs on 13 hits during the seven-inning matchup. She also fanned two batters and walked one.

In the opener, East Central let an early 3-0 lead slip away as the Lady Wolves rallied to force extra innings and pushed across the winning run in the bottom of the eighth.

The Lady Diamond Warriors managed just three hits in the loss, a three-run homer by Lee, a double by Nicholas, and single from Holsen.

Taylor Bailey took the loss on the mound, allowing three earned runs on 12 hits. Bailey also fanned four and walked two. She is a product of Bowie High School in Austin, Texas, after previously pitching at Southeast Lauderdale.

A non-division doubleheader scheduled for last Friday at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville was cancelled.



ECCC freshman Kasie Buckley of Newton County is 13-0 in the circle thus far in the 2010 season.

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WEEK OF April 5, 2010

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ECCC	**3-10**
Soutwest	**0-6**

Taylor Bailey pitched a three-hit shutout in the first game and the Lady Warrior offense belted 16 hits in the nightcap as East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball team recorded a pair of victories over Southwest Mississippi Community College Tuesday, April 6 in Summit.

Following the sweep, the Lady Diamond Warriors improved to 28-5-1 overall and 8-4 in the MACJC South Division under head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney.

Bailey, a freshman right-hander and product of Bowie High School in Austin, Texas, also fanned eight batters in the 3-0, seven-inning victory.

Leake Academy product Hannah Lee of Philadelphia led the Lady Warrior offense in the opener with three singles and knocked in both of EC's runs. Also recording multiple hits in the opener were Brittany Cochran of Newton County and Hailey Chisolm of Neshoba Central, who had two singles each. Lauren Nicholas of Neshoba Central and Kasie Buckley of Newton County contributed a single each.

In the second contest, the EC offense responded from an early 4-0, first-inning deficit by scoring two runs in the third and four runs in the fifth for a 6-4 advantage. The Lady Diamond Warriors added a single run in the sixth and three runs in the seventh for a 10-6 victory. Southwest's other runs came in the sixth and seventh innings.

Chisolm homered and doubled, and Lee contributed a home run and single to help lead the Lady Diamond Warriors' offensive attack. Lee also led in RBIs with four and Chisolm knocked in a run.

Also having productive outings at the plate were Buckley, double and two singles; Nicholas, three singles and two RBIs; Paige Holsen of Union, double, single and two RBIs; Cochran, two singles; and Morgan Malone of Madison Central and Bailey, singles each. Summer Alexander of Newton County was credited with an RBI.

Buckley was also the winning pitcher, allowing six runs on seven hits in the seven-inning battle. She also fanned two batters and walked four.

Next up for the Lady Diamond Warrior is another division matchup with Jones County Junior College scheduled Friday, April 9. Doubleheader action gets underway at 3 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

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WEEK OF April 5, 2010

East Central Lady Diamond Warriors take pair from Hinds

East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball team grabbed a pair of division victories from Hinds Community College in a twinbill played Tuesday, March 30 on the Decatur campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors cruised 9-2 in the opener and held on for a 4-1 decision in the second contest. With the sweep, EC improved to 26-3-1 overall and 6-2 in the MACJC South Division.

Hailey Chisolm, a sophomore infielder from Neshoba Central, led the EC offense in the first game by belting a home run, double and two singles. She also collected two RBIs.

Also knocking in two runs each were Paige Holsen of Union, who homered and doubled, and Brittany Cochran of Newton County, who recorded a triple.

Also having productive outings at the plate were Summer Alexander of Newton County, two singles; Kasie Buckley, also of Newton County, two singles and an RBI; and Taylor Bailey, a product of Bowie High School in Austin, Texas, triple and two singles. Leake Academy product Hannah Lee of Philadelphia contributed a single.

Bailey was also the winning pitcher, allowing just two unearned runs on four hits in the seven-inning battle, to improve to 10-3. She also fanned four batters.

In the second game, Holsen was the top offensive performer with two singles and a pair of RBIs. Other sluggers were Alexander and Lee, doubles each; and Buckley, Lee, Morgan Malone of Madison Central and Sierra Farlow of Neshoba Central, singles each.

Buckley got the victory on the mound and improved to a perfect 14-0 on the season. She gave up eight hits, fanned two batters and walked one.

The ECCC softball team is led by head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney.

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WEEK OF April 5, 2010

Feast or famine week for Lady Warriors

from combined reports

It was double or nothing for the East Central Community College Lady Warriors as they swept Hinds (9-2 and 4-1) and were then swept by Mississippi Gulf Coast (7-2 and 10-1) in last week's fastpitch action.

ECCC entered this week with a 26-5-1 overall record and a 6-4 MACJC South Division mark.

ECCC	**9-4**
Hinds	**2-1**

The Lady Warriors improved to 26-3-1 overall and 6-2 in the MACJC South Division with the March 30 sweep at Decatur.

Hailey Chisolm, a sophomore infielder from Neshoba Central, led the EC offense in the first game by belting a home run, double, and two singles. She also collected two RBI.

Also knocking in two runs each were Paige Holsen of Union, who homered and doubled, and Brittany Cochran of Newton County, who recorded a triple.

Summer Alexander of Newton County had two singles, Kasie Buckley, also of Newton County, had two singles, and Taylor Bailey had a triple and two singles.

Bailey was also the winning pitcher, allowing just two unearned runs on four hits in the seven-inning battle, to improve to 10-3. She also fanned four.

In the second game, Holsen was the top offensive performer with two singles and a pair of RBIs. Alexander and Hannah Lee both had a double.

Buckley got the victory on the mound and improved to a perfect 14-0 on the season. She gave up eight hits, fanned two and walked one.

Gulf Coast	**7-10**
ECCC	**2-1**

In a battle for first place in the MACJC South Division, No. 7 Gulf Coast (24-6, 8-2) hammered East Central (26-5-1, 6-4) to assume control of first place.

Both teams came into the twinbill with identical 6-2 division records. Gulf Coast had 23 hits and six home runs in the doubleheader sweep, with four round trippers coming in the opening

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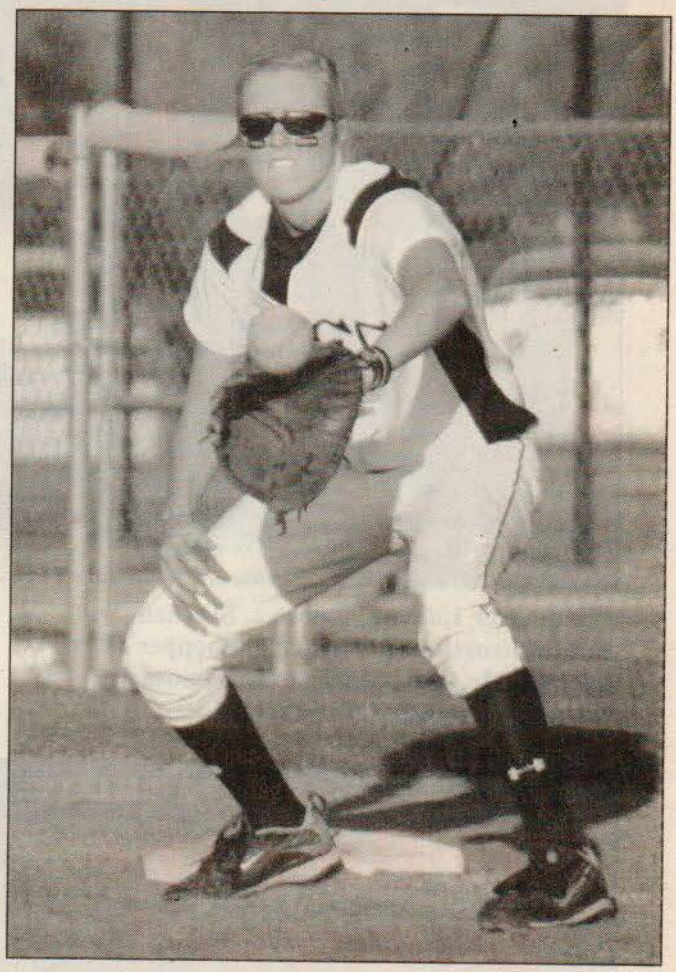

ECCC first baseman Brittney Cochran of Newton County snares a throw in last week's doubleheader loss to Mississippi Gulf Coast.

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WEEK OF April 12, 2010

Lee 'slams' win for ECCC

Hannah Lee's grand slam home run and a two-run blast by Hailey Chisolm helped power the East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team to 7-0 shutout over Pearl River Community College in the first game of a doubleheader held Monday.

The Lady Diamond Warriors were unable to complete the sweep, as the Lady Wildcats rallied for seven runs in the bottom of the sixth to claim an 8-7 victory.

With the split, East Central's record stands at 29-8-1 overall and 9-7 in the MACJC South Division.

In addition to Lee, a Leake Academy product, and Chisolm, who hails from Neshoba Central, other EC sluggers in the opener were Kasie Buckley of Newton County, three singles and a RBI; Paige Holsen of Union and Lauren Nicholas of Neshoba Central, double and single each.

Bailey also picked up the win and improved to 12-5 on the season.

In the second contest, EC jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first inning and held a 7-1 advantage until Pearl River rallied in the sixth inning to earn a split of the division doubleheader.

Chisolm belted a two-run homer and Alexander had two doubles. Lee checked in with a single.

Bailey took the loss, falling to 12-6 after relieving in the sixth inning.

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WEEK OF April 19, 2010

ECCC Warriors conclude spring drills with scrimmage

from combined reports

An intra-squad scrimmage scheduled Saturday, April 24 will conclude spring workouts for East Central Community College's football team, announced head coach Brian Anderson. Activities begin at noon at Bailey Stadium on the Decatur campus. There is no charge for admission and the public is invited to attend.

Anderson, who is in his first year as head coach after leading the Warriors on an interim basis in 2009, said the squad has made "a lot of progress, especially on defense," following 14 days of workouts.

"Our primary focus has been the defensive side of the ball," said Anderson, "and Coach (Blake) Frazier (new defensive coordinator) has done an excellent job in getting the guys to play with a lot more tempo. I really like the way the defensive players run to the football...six or seven guys are making the tackle on each play. Our defense should be much improved in 2010."

The Warriors begin the 2010 campaign by hosting Northeast Mississippi Community College Thursday, Sept. 2. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. at Bailey Stadium.

— from school reports

JUCO SOFTBALL

ECCC	**16-9**
Hinds	**0-4**

Hannah Lee and Kasie Buckley belted two home runs apiece in leading East Central Community College's softball squad to a 16-0 blowout of Hinds Community College in the first game, and the Lady Diamond Warriors rallied for a 9-4 victory in the second contest to complete a sweep of their MACJC South Division opponent Tuesday, April 20 on the Raymond campus.

With the wins, East Central improved to 35-8-1 overall and 13-7 in league play. The Lady Diamond Warriors currently share second-place honors in the division with Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Gulf Coast – ECCC's opponent Friday, April 23 in Perkinston - sits atop the South at 14-6. EC dropped a twin bill to the Bulldogs (7-2, 10-1) on April 1 in Decatur. Pearl River is fourth at 12-10. The top four teams in the South and North divisions advance to the MACJC State Tournament, scheduled Thursday-Friday, April 29-30 at Itawamba Community College in Fulton.

The Lady Diamond Warriors close out the regular season by challenging Southwest Mississippi Community College Monday, April 26. Doubleheader action begins at 3 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

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lead in the first inning, but trailed 7-4 before adding a single run in the fifth inning and five runs in the sixth frame to claim the sweep.

In addition to their home runs, Holsen, Bailey, and Lee, a Leake Academy product, collected two singles each. Holsen also contributed three RBI. Other sluggers were Nicholas, Chisolm, Buckley, and Cochran with two singles each.

Bailey (14-6) was credited with the win in relief. She hurled 3 1/3 innings, allowing one run on three hits. She also fanned three.

Buckley was the starter and allowed four earned runs on nine hits through 3 2/3 innings.

East Central Community College sophomore catcher Paige Holsen of Union eyes the welcoming committee at home plate after belting a home run in the Lady Warriors' 8-1, 10-8 sweep of Copiah-Lincoln last week in Decatur. She hit two homers in the doubleheader.

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Lady Warriors sweep Co-Lin

from combined reports

East Central Community College's softball squad took sole possession of second place in the MACJC South Division following a doubleheader sweep of Copiah-Lincoln on Wednesday at Decatur.

Hailey Chisolm and Paige Holsen both homered in leading EC to an 8-1 victory in the opener, and Holsen, Hannah Lee and Taylor Bailey registered dingers in the second contest in a 10-8 decision.

The Lady Warriors improved to 29-8-1 overall following the sweep and are currently 11-7 in league play. Gulf Coast leads the South at 12-4. Co-Lin is third at 9-7 and Pearl River fourth, with a 9-9 record. Rounding out the division are Southwest at 8-8; Jones, 6-12; and Hinds, 3-13.

Chisolm, a sophomore from Neshoba Central, belted a three-run shot in the first inning and gave EC a quick 3-0 lead.

In addition to her home run, Holsen, a Union product, was credited with a single and two RBIs. Brittany Cochran of Newton County added a double and a single and collected two RBI. Other sluggers were Lauren Nicholas of Neshoba Central, two singles; and Newton County products Kasie Buckley, double, and Summer Alexander, single. Buckley also had an RBI.

Taylor Bailey (13-6) went the distance to notch the win. Bailey allowed nine hits, fanned five and walked one in the seven-inning matchup.

In the second game, EC jumped out to 4-0

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WEEK OF April 19, 2010

Trio signs with ECCC Lady Warriors

New members of the 2010-11 East Central Community College women's basketball team are shown signing national letters of intent during a ceremony held recently in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus. Joining the Lady Warriors this fall are (seated from left) Kelcia Bufkin, a 5-6 guard from Scott Central High School; Shana Ward, a 5-6 forward from Carthage High School; and Annie Brewer, a 5-10 forward from Madison-Ridgeland Academy and a former Neshoba Central High School standout. Bufkin was a Mississippi/Alabama All-Star and All-State selection and received All-District honors five times. She was also named District Most Valuable Player on two occasions. She is recognized as the Lady Rebels' all-time leading scorer with 2,481 points and averaged 24 points per contest during her career. She helped lead this year's Scott Central squad to the South State semifinals en route to a 24-8 record. Ward was named Division Player of the Year in Region 6-3A and made the All-Division squad four years. She is also a four-time recipient of the Lady Tigers' best offensive player award. Ward scored 522 points during her high school career. She averaged 18.1 points, 8.9 rebounds and 3-4 steals per contest. She helped lead Carthage to the Region 6-3A championship and second round action in South State competition en route to a 25-5 record. Brewer is a three-time All-District selection and also received Best Offensive Player and Free Throw awards. Also seated is Bill Smith, ECCC women's head basketball coach. Standing from left are Chad Harrison, Scott Central girls' head basketball coach; Angela Bufkin Vivians, Kelcia's mother;; Tim Reid, Carthage girls' head basketball coach; Cynthia Ward, Shana's mother and Connie and Chad Clark, Annie's mother and stepfather. Annie's father is Andy Brewer. Her coach at MRA is Steven Force. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF April 26, 2010

ECCC Lady Diamond Warriors Lead Division Following Gulf Coast Sweep

East Central Community College's softball squad took sole possession of first place in the MACJC South Division following a doubleheader sweep of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Friday afternoon on the Perkinston campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors held on for a 2-1 decision in the opener and cruised 12-3 in the second contest, improving to 37-8-1 overall and 15-7 in league play. The Lady Bulldogs are second at 14-8, followed by Co-Lin (13-9), Pearl River (12-10), Southwest (11-11), Jones County (6-16) and Hinds (5-15). The top four teams from the South and North divisions qualify for the MACJC State Softball Tournament scheduled April 29-30 at Itawamba Community College in Fulton.

In the first win over Gulf Coast, sophomore Hannah Lee's two-run homer in the top of the eighth inning broke a scoreless tie and provided EC with the win. Lee, a Leake Academy product from Philadelphia, leads the team in homers with 12 and is the top run producer with 49 RBIs.

Other EC hitters in the first contest were Hailey Chisolm of Neshoba Central, double; and Morgan Malone of Madison Central and Taylor Bailey, a product of Bowie High School in Austin, Texas, singles each.

Bailey was also the winning pitcher and improved to 17-6. She allowed just three hits in the eight-inning battle and fanned two batters.

In the second contest, the Lady Diamond Warriors jumped out to a 9-3 lead after two innings and coasted to the easy victory.

Chisolm and Kasie Buckley, a product of Newton County High School, led the offense with a double and two singles each, and Paige Holsen of Union belted a three-run homer. Buckley led in RBIs with four and Chisolm knocked in three runs.

Other sluggers were Bailey, Lauren Nicholas of Neshoba Central, Summer Alexander and Brittany Cochran, both of Newton County, two singles each; and Lee and Malone, singles each. Cochran was also credited with two RBIs.

Buckley was the winning pitcher and improved to16-2. She hurled 4 2/3 innings and allowed five hits. Chisolm and Bailey pitched 1/3 inning each.

East Central completes regular season action by hosting Southwest Mississippi Community College at 3 p.m. today (Monday) in Decatur. A sophomore recognition program will be held prior to the doubleheader and begins at 2:30 p.m.

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Lady Warriors move into first place

from combined reports

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors moved into first place in the MACJC South Division with sweeps of Hinds (16-0 and 9-4) and Mississippi Gulf Coast (2-1 and 12-3) in last week's fastpitch action.

ECCC will play in the MACJC State Tournament at Itawamba which begins Thursday. Brackets were unavailable at press time.

ECCC	**16-9**
Hinds	**0-4**

Hannah Lee and Kasie Buckley belted two home runs apiece in leading ECCC to a 16-0 blowout in the first game and the Lady Warriors rallied for a 9-4 victory in the second contest to complete a sweep on April 20 at Raymond.

With the wins, ECCC improved to 35-8-1 overall and 13-7 in league play.

Lee blasted a two-run homer in the first inning and added a grand slam in the sixth. She also contributed a single and finished the game with six RBI.

Buckley began the scoring onslaught with her three-run blast. She added a two-run shot in the sixth inning. She also had a single and finished with five RBI. Buckley currently has 10 home runs on the season.

Other sluggers in the 17-hit attack included Hailey Chisolm with a triple, two singles and four RBI; Lauren Nicholas with three singles, Morgan Malone with a double and a single, Summer Alexander with a double, and Brittany Cochran and Taylor Bailey with a single each.

Bailey (15-6) was also the winning pitcher. She hurled four scoreless innings and allowed four hits. Malone pitched the final inning and allowed one hit.

In the second contest, EC rallied from a 3-0 first-inning deficit by scoring six runs in the second frame and holding on for the win.

Nicholas and Paige Holsen had two hits each to lead the offense. Other hitters included Buckley, double; and Alexander, Chisolm, Lee, Malone, Bailey and Shelby Smith, singles each. Bailey knocked in two runs.

Bailey picked up the win in relief and improved to 16-6. She allowed one run on five hits through four innings. Buckley was the starter and allowed three runs on six hits through three innings.

ECCC	**2-12**
Gulf Coast	**1-3**

The Lady Warriors took sole possession of first place in the MACJC South Division following a double-header sweep of Mississippi

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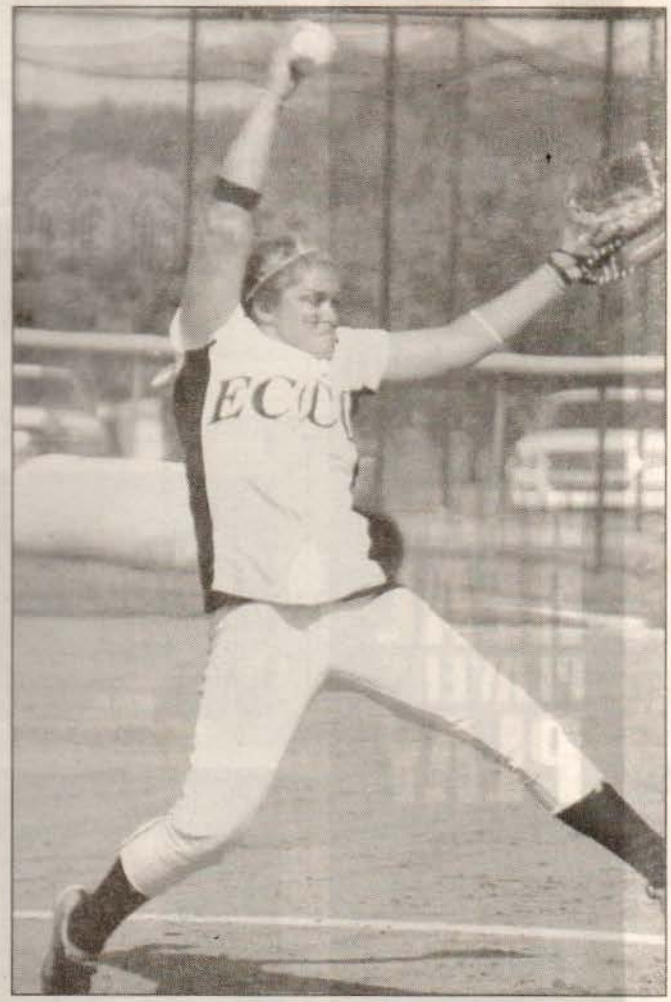

Taylor Bailey was the winning pitcher in three of East Central's four wins last week.

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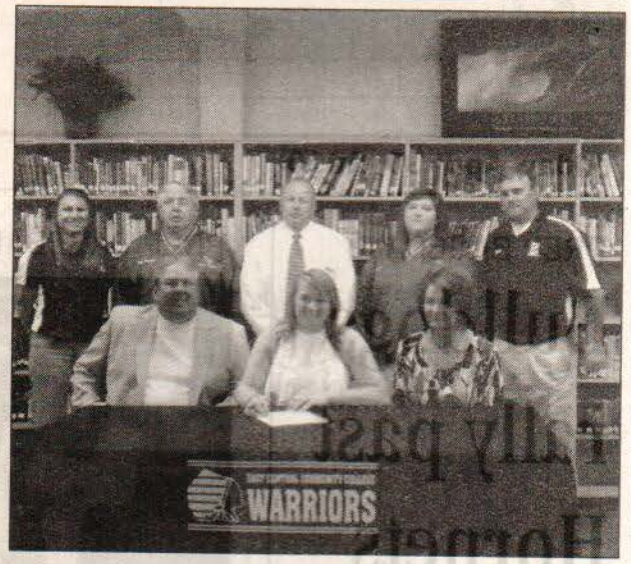

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POUNDERS INKS WITH ECCC

Brittany Pounders (seated center), a standout softball player at Southeast Lauderdale High School, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at ECCC in Decatur. Standing from left are Kristin Chaney, ECCC assistant softball coach; Mack Fanning, head softball coach, Duane Taylor, school principal and Ashlee Frazier, assistant softball coach, all of Southeast Lauderdale; and Scott Hill, ECCC head softball coach.

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ECCC SIGNING

On Tuesday, April 27th, Haylee Roberts signed a softball scholarship with East Central Community College. Seated: left to right - Coty Freeman, Haylee Roberts, and Brian Freeman. Standing: East Central Assistant Coach, Kristin Chaney, Enterprise High School Head Softball Coach, Josh Perkins, Enterprise High School Assistant Softball Coach, Davey Dewitt, and East Central Community College Head Softball Coach, Scott Hill.

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Home run swing

Summer Alexander sent this pitch over the wall for a three-run homer in East Central Community College's 7-4 win over Copiah-Lincoln in semi-final action of the MACJC State Softball Tournament held April 29-30 at Itawamba Community College in Fulton. Alexander is a freshman outfielder/catcher and product of Newton County High School. EC dropped a 2-0 decision to Pearl River in the championship game. The Lady Diamond Warriors (41-9-1) begin competition Thursday, in the Region 23 Tournament being held at Traceway Park in Clinton. (EC Photo)

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Lady Warriors fall in state finals

ECCC heads to Region 23 tournament Thursday

from combined reports

After winning the MACJC South Division regular season championship with a double-header sweep of Southwest Mississippi last week, the East Central Community College Lady Warriors battled their way into the MACJC state tournament finals at Fulton only to fall 2-0 to Pearl River in the title game.

ECCC, 41-9-1, heads to Traceway Park in Clinton for the NJCAA Region 23 Division II Tournament this week where they open with the winner of the Itawamba-LSU-Eunice game Thursday at 5 p.m.

Play in the double-elimination tournament continues through Saturday.

LSU-Eunice, 47-8, is ranked No. 1 nationally. Itawamba sports a 28-22 record.

Also in the six-team tournament are Mississippi Gulf Coast (33-13), Pearl River (30-18), and Copiah-Lincoln (30-16).

ECCC	**8-5**
Southwest	**0-4**

The Lady Warriors wrapped up their 2010 regular season with a sweep of Southwest Mississippi on April 26 in Decatur. The sweep gave ECCC the MACJC South Division title.

ECCC improved to 39-8-1 overall and 17-7 in league play with the two wins.

Seventh year head coach Scott Hill, whose overall record at EC stands at 229-90-1 and includes three MACJC Central Division titles, said he is "especially proud" of this year's team.

"We are excited about our season and how well the team has consistently played and persevered all year," said Hill. "We look forward to continuing our success in the post-season."

Four players had three hits each to lead ECCC in the opener. Hailey Chisolm, Brittney Cochran, and Hannah Lee each had a double and two singles and Kasie Buckley had three singles. Cochran was the top run producer with three RBI.

Summer Alexander had a double and a single, Lauren Nicholas had a double, and Morgan Malone had a single.

Taylor Bailey (17-6) was the winning pitcher in the six-inning contest. She allowed just five hits and fanned three in the shutout.

In the second game, ECCC erased a 4-0 deficit by scoring two runs in the fifth inning and three in the sixth for the one-run victory.

Lee led the offense with three singles and knocked in two runs. Cochran had two singles, Nicholas had a triple, and Chisolm, Buckley, and Paige Holsen each had a single.

Bailey was again the winning pitcher in relief and improved to 18-6. She hurled three innings, allowing three runs on five hits. She also fanned three.

Buckley was the starter and allowed one run on four

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hits. She also fanned.

ECCC	**8**
Holmes	**0**

The Lady Warriors began state tournament competition by cruising 8-0 over Holmes on Thursday.

Kasie Buckley tripled, doubled, and singled and Brittney Cochran had three singles to lead the offense. Other sluggers included Taylor Bailey with a double and a single; Summer Alexander and Hannah Lee with two singles each; and Lauren Nicholas and Morgan Malone, both with a single.

Cochran also led in RBIs with two.

Bailey went the distance in the six-inning matchup and allowed just two hits. She also fanned three batters.

ECCC	**7**
Co-Lin	**4**

Summer Alexander's three-run homer in the third inning gave the Lady Diamond Warriors a 3-2 advantage and the boost the squad needed in claiming a 7-4 win over Copiah-Lincoln in a semifinal game Friday.

Other top sluggers include Lauren Nicholas with three singles and Kasie Buckley and Brittney Cochran with two singles each. Singles each were recorded by Taylor Bailey, Hailey Chisolm, Paige Holsen, and Morgan Malone.

Scott Hill, left, East Central Community College head softball coach, accepts his team's runner-up award in the MACJC State Softball Tournament from Athletic Commissioner Jim Southward following the Lady Diamond Warriors' 2-0 loss to Pearl River Community College last Friday. The two-day tournament was hosted by Itawamba Community College in Fulton.

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Hannah Lee was credited with two RBIs.

Bailey was the winning pitcher, allowing four runs on 10 hits in the seven-inning battle. She also fanned two.

Pearl River	**2**
ECCC	**0**

Held scoreless for only the second time this season, ECCC fell short in its quest for a first state title in Friday's championship contest.

Sheila Hall (12-9) allowed only two baserunners to the Lady Warriors with Kasie Buckley's leadoff single in the bottom of the fifth breaking up a no-hit bid. It would be the only hit of the game for ECCC.

The win gave Pearl River its first state softball title.

Taylor Bailey went the distance for EC and took the loss, allowing two runs on nine hits. She also fanned eight.

WEEK OF May 10, 2010

ECCC Lady Diamond Warriors – Region 23 Champs!

Celebrating the program's first Region 23 Championship are the above members of East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball team, shown following their 7-1 victory over Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Saturday, May 8 at Traceway Park in Clinton. The Lady Diamond Warriors, who improved to 44-9-1 following the historic win, have now set their sights on the 2010 NJCAA Division II Softball Championship scheduled May 20-22 in Normal, Illinois. East Central advanced to the regional finals after upsetting top-ranked Louisiana State University at Eunice 4-3 in first-round action and clipping Gulf Coast 3-1 in the semi-finals of the three-day, double-elimination event. The Lady Diamond Warriors finished second in the MACJC State Championship held the previous week at Itawamba Community College in Fulton. Members of the championship squad and their respective high schools include Morgan Malone, Madison Central; Sierra Farlow, Lauren Nicholas, Abbie Joiner, Emily Breland and Hailey Chisolm, all of Neshoba Central; Summer Alexander, Brittney Cochran and Kasie Buckley, all of Newton County; Olivia Maher, East Ascension HS, Gonzales, La.; Shelby Smith and Paige Holsen, both of Union; Chelsea Jones, Enterprise; Taylor Bailey, Bowie HS, Austin, Texas; Hannah Lee, Leake Academy; student managers Monica James of Leake Academy and Sydney Tucker of Neshoba Central; Kristin Chaney, assistant coach; and Scott Hill, head coach. (EC Photo)

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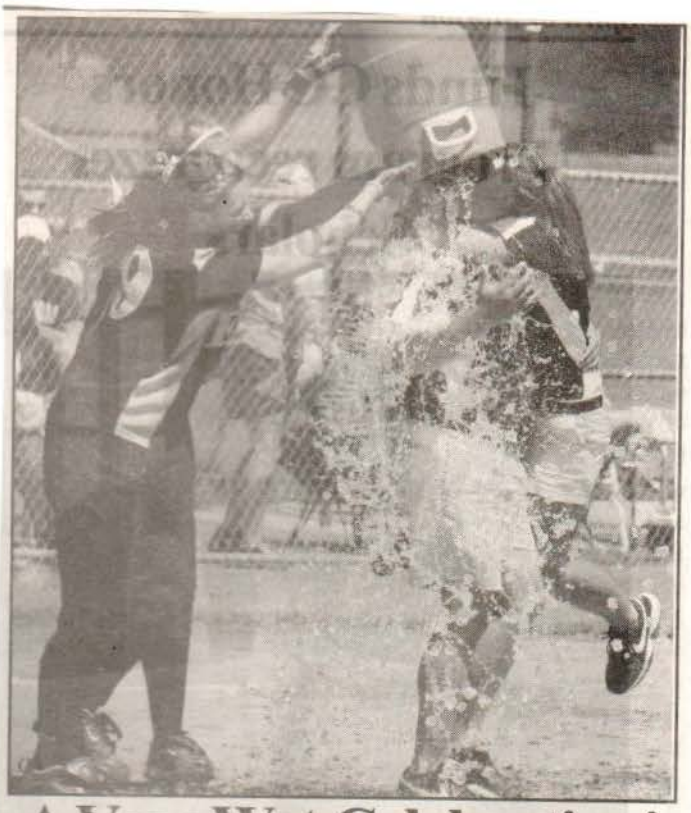

A Very Wet Celebration!

East Central Community College softball coaches Scott Hill (head) and Kristin Chaney (assistant) receive a victory bath from team members as they hug each other in celebrating the Lady Diamond Warriors' 7-1 victory over Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Saturday for the Region 23 Championship. East Central earlier defeated Gulf Coast 3-1 in semi-final action and rallied to beat top-ranked Louisiana State University at Eunice 4-3 in first-round competition of the three-day, double-elimination tournament held at Traceway Park in Clinton. The Lady Diamond Warriors, who improved to 44-9-1 following their first region title, advance to the 2010 NJCAA Division II Softball Championship scheduled May 20-22 in Normal, Illinois. (EC Photo)

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Members of the 2010 Region 23 champion East Central Community College fastpitch softball team and their respective high schools include (first row, from left) catcher Paige Holsen, Union; third baseman Hailey Chisolm, Neshoba Central; outfielder Olivia Maher, East Ascension High School in Gonzales, La.; infielder Sierra Farlow, Neshoba Central; pitcher Shelby Smith, Union; second baseman Lauren Nicholas, and catcher/outfielder Abbie Joiner, both of Neshoba Central; and infielder Chelsea Jones, Enterprise; (second row) first baseman Brittney Cochran, Newton County; outfielder Summer Alexander, Newton County; outfielder Emily Breland, Neshoba Central; outfielder Hannah Lee, Leake Academy; shortstop/pitcher Kasie Buckley, Newton County; infielder/pitcher Morgan Malone, Madison Central; pitcher Taylor Bailey, Bowie High School, Austin, Texas; and (top row) managers Monica James of Leake Academy, Christian Ortega of Forest and Sydney Tucker of Neshoba Central; head coach Scott Hill, and assistant coach Kristin Chaney.

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REGION 23 CHAMPIONS

Hannah Lee

Paige Holsen

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Efforts under way to help send EC team to nationals

Fundraising efforts are under way to help send East Central Community College's fastpitch softball team to the 2010 NJCAA Division II Softball Championship scheduled Thursday-Saturday in Normal, Ill.

The Lady Warriors qualified for the national tournament after capturing the program's first Region 23 title in a 7-1 win over Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College on May 8 at Traceway Park in Clinton.

East Central, which improved to 44-9-1 under seventh-year head coach Scott Hill following the historic victory, will need approximately $12,000 to pay for the team's expenses in the three-day tournament, according to Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations. Hollingsworth is coordinating fundraising efforts on behalf of The Warrior Club, a support group for ECCC athletics.

"We are asking alumni and friends of the college to help with expenses by making tax-deductible contributions to the ECCC Foundation," said Hollingsworth. "Donors of at least $100 will be given an autographed softball signed by members of the championship Lady Warrior squad."

Contributions may be sent to Stacey Hollingsworth, Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

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Eyeing title run

ECCC set to battle Mott in Division II national tourney

By Jamie Wachter
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The East Central Community College softball team understood how good it could be even before its run to the NJCAA Division II national tournament.

The Warriors' first inkling that they could still be playing today against Mott (Mich.) Community College at 10 a.m. in Normal, Ill., came during the rugged MACJC South Division slate, at least for coach Scott Hill.

"As you go along in the South Division of our state, if you can get some big wins, it really bodes well for what you can accomplish even here at this tournament," Hill said Wednesday after East Central wrapped up its practice at Champion Fields. "Those teams have shown that you can come up here and do well. Now you never know how strong other states are going to be from year to year, but we hope those past successes can carry over for us this year."

One thing that has carried the Warriors through their 44-9 season has been stellar pitching. Freshman Taylor Bailey has led ECCC with a 25-6 mark and has posted a 1.78 ERA. Still, what has impressed Hill most about Bailey and fellow freshman Kasie Buckley, a former Newton County standout, has been their competitiveness, especially in crucial situations.

"We talk about that every time we take the field that we feel like no matter which one is pitching, they are going to give us a chance every time out," Hill said. "Our defense knows they are going to get groundballs and give them a chance and they are both just so competitive.

"They are not necessarily competitive with each other. They just both want to do well and to get the job done. And both have done a great job this year of when runners got on to strand the. They really, really rose to the occasion."

Buckley has posted a 16-2 mark and a 2.68 ERA. Her presence as the Warriors' No. 2 is another reason Hill is optimistic about the Warriors' chances this weekend.

"We know that in this 16-team, double-elimination tournament that we are going to have to get big innings from both of them to be successful," he said.

That pitching combination has been successful all year, even when East Central's offense, which has shown the ability to be explosive, has cooled off against tougher pitching. The key, though, Hill said has been the Warriors' ability to still get big hits. Buckley leads East Central, offensively, with a .469 average, 53 runs and is second with 47 RBIs. Former Leake Academy standout Hannah Lee leads East Central with 47 RBIs along with 12 home runs and a.447 average. Hailey Chisolm, of Neshoba Central, has hit .389 with 46 runs and 46 RBIs.

"As we went into division we were an explosive team on offense," Hill said. "But as the games got tougher, we still got key hits in crucial situations - big two-out hits - and were still able to have some big innings.

"But the biggest thing was the pitching and defense has been really good. We just gave up five runs in three games at the regionals."

Mott will also be making its first trip to the nationals and the Bears are led by Bridget Miller with a .436 average, 21 RBIs and 25 runs.

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East Central wasted little time in jumping on Johnson County (Kan.) on Friday in the second round Friday.

The Warriors scored three in the first and four in the third. All nine runs were tallied on home runs.

Newton County product Kasie Buckley smashed a three-run home run in the first after Summer Alexander, also a former Newton County standout, singled and Chisolm walked.

Two innings later, East Central (46-9) got another blast, this time from Lee. Chisolm started the rally with a double before Cochran moved her to third with a single. Holsen then walked to load the bases for Lee, who smashed her grand slam to right-center.

Armed with the big lead, Bailey went the distance, scattering 10 hits, while striking out eight. She allowed solo home runs to Kim Smith in the fourth and Lee Anne Pringle in the seventh.

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East Central Community College pitcher Taylor Bailey pitched a complete game to lead the Warriors past Johnson County (Kan.) in the second round of the NJCAA Division II national championship Friday in Normal, Ill.

East Central upended by Kankakee at nationals

from staff reports

After blasting past Johnson County (Kan.) in the second round of the NJCAA Division II softball national championship Friday, East Central Community College ran into trouble in the third round.

Kankakee used a two-run rally in the sixth to break a deadlock to edge East Central 3-1. The Warriors beat Johnson County 7-2 earlier in the day in Normal, Ill.

Kankakee grabbed the lead in the first, getting a one-out single from Shannon Stipek, who stole second and then scored on a two-out double from Brianna DiGioia. East Central would rally, though.

One inning later, the Warriors put their first two runners on as Brittney Cochran singled and Paige Holsen reached on an error that allowed Cochran to advance to third. Hannah Lee, a former Leake Academy standout, followed with a sacrifice fly to tie the game. After Morgan Malone reached on an error, she was cuaght stealing and Taylor Bailey grounded out, stranding Holsen at third.

The game remained knotted at 1 until the sixth. There, Hannah Santora reached on an error and Stipek singled, moving Santora to third. Tara Buchanan gave Kankakee the lead with a sacrifice fly and three batters later, Sam Arenkill singled to plate Stipek.

East Central would get a pair of singles in the bottom of the seventh, a leadoff hit from Bailey and a two-out hit from Hailey Chisolm, but the Warriors were unable to get the run.

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East Central, which entered the 16-team, double-elimination event as the No. 5 seed, had defeated No. 8 seed Mississippi Gulf Community College 4-2 Saturday morning and needed two more wins to reach the finals.

The Lady Diamond Warriors advanced to Saturday's competition after defeating No. 4 seed Johnson County (Kansas) 7-2 Friday afternoon in a game delayed almost 24 hours due to the weather. EC fell 3-1 to top-seeded Kanakee (Illinois) Friday night for its first loss after beginning the three-day competition Thursday with a 7-0 shutout of No.12 seed Mott (Michigan).

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Mott 0

The Lady Diamond Warriors began tournament competition by posting a 7-0 win Thursday (May 20) over Mott Community College of Flint, Michigan.

The Lady Diamond Warriors collected 15 hits in the easy victory and Bailey improved to 25-7 in recording the shut-out.

Hannah Lee doubled and singled in the game.

Bailey got the win and improved to 25-7. She allowed just five hits and fanned six batters in the seven-inning matchup.

ECCC 7
Johnson Co. 2

Lee blasted a grand slam home run and Kasie Buckley added a three-run shot to lead EC in a 7-2 win over Johnson County (Kansas) early Friday night.

Brittany Cochran also had a productive outing at the plate with three singles. Hailey Chislom contributed a double and single and Bailey was credited with two singles.

Bailey was the winning pitcher, improving to 26-7. She fanned eight batters and allowed 10 hits in the seven-inning battle.

Kanakee 3
ECCC 1

The Lady Diamond Warriors suffered their first tournament loss in a 3-1 decision to top-seed Kanakee Community College late Friday night.

EC managed just two hits in the setback – a double by Lauren Nicholas and a single by Brittany Cochran. Cochran scored on Lee's sacrifice fly to center field.

Bailey (26-8) took the loss, allowing only one earned run on five hits.

ECCC 4
Gulf Coast 2

Buckley's two-run homer in the top of the seventh inning gave the Lady Diamond Warriors a 4-1 lead and EC held on to defeat Gulf Coast 4-2 Saturday morning.

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Iowa Lakes 10
ECCC 2

The Lady Diamond Warriors were eliminated from tournament competition following a 10-2 loss to No. 2 Iowa Lakes Saturday afternoon.

EC grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first inning, when Buckley's single to right field scored Hailey Chisolm who had earlier doubled.

Buckley homered in the fourth and stretched EC's lead to 2-0; however, Iowa Lakes tied the contest in the bottom of the frame.

After the Lady Warriors were unable to score in the fifth, Iowa Lakes grabbed the victory by scoring eight runs in the bottom of the inning and the was called due to the eight-run rule.

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End of the road

East Central pitcher Taylor Bailey, pictured in action from earlier in the season, mowed down Mott Community College on Thursday in the NJCAA Division II title tournament in Normal, Ill. EC finished fourth.

Lady Warriors start hot, finish fourth in Div. II

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2010 nearly a perfect 10 for Lady Warriors

The Spring of 2010 wasn't quite a perfect 10 for the fastpitch softball team at East Central Community College, but it didn't miss by much.

The Lady Warriors finished fourth in the NJCAA Division II Championships in Normal, Ill., in late May. It was their first trip to the national tournament.

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Prior to that, the Lady Warriors won the rugged MACJC South Division regular season championship with a 17-7 league mark.

About the only title that eluded the ECCC girls in their 47-11-1 season was the MACJC state tournament crown. Even that was within reach as the Lady Warriors lost 2-0 to Pearl River in the tournament finals.

"It was very special to go out in that way," said first baseman Brittney Cochran of Newton County. "To be on a region championship team when that's never happened before at EC is special...as a sophomore especially."

"I told somebody the other day that it was tough when you lose that last game," said ECCC seventh-year coach Scott Hill. "Even though you know that you've done so well, it's still tough because you're playing hard and you've played well against those teams that are there.

"I felt like we were just as good as anybody there. That rain was tough on everybody, but I think if the tournament had been played like it was scheduled, a different team may have won and maybe that could have been us.

"But I was just very proud of how we played all season long. There were a couple times we had to face a little adversity during the season when we had a couple of real tough division losses, but we overcame them and that's been the story of this team...they overcame a lot and played well when they needed to."

None played better in Illinois than former Newton County High School standout Kasie Buckley as she was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player in the national tournament after batting .636 with three home runs, a double, three singles, and seven RBI.

"I didn't expect to get it, but it felt good," Buckley said of the prestigious honor.

Cochran, who was selected team captain, had an idea back in the Fall that this Spring could be special at EC.

"I came into this year knowing we had more than enough talent to get there," Cochran said. "Just pushing everybody to get to that point was what I wanted to do."

With the national tournament appearance now a reality instead of merely an unfulfilled dream, the bar is already raised high for the 2011 Lady Warriors.

Building on the 2010 team's success will be the objective from here on in terms of keeping ECCC on the national scene.

The No. 1 goal is simple..."To get back to where we were," Buckley said. "We lose six really good players and it's going to be hard to replace them, but hopefully we can do that."

That would include players like sophomore catcher Paige Holsen of Union who caught every game in 2010. And sophomores Hannah Lee in left field and Hailey Chisolm at third base.

The good news is that both Buckley (16-2) and Taylor Bailey (27-9) return to the pitcher's circle in 2011.

"I try to be realistic," Hill said. "We want to go back and we want to do as well. We know that for us to do well this year a lot of good things had to happen.

"To get back next year, a lot of good things would have to happen. We might have just as good a team, but for whatever reason, the breaks may not go our way.

"Getting a taste of it this year, we sure would like to do it again, but you've got to have some good things happen for you."

East Central freshman center fielder Summer Alexander of Newton County High School receives congratulations from her teammates after hitting a home run in an early-season win over Northwest Mississippi.

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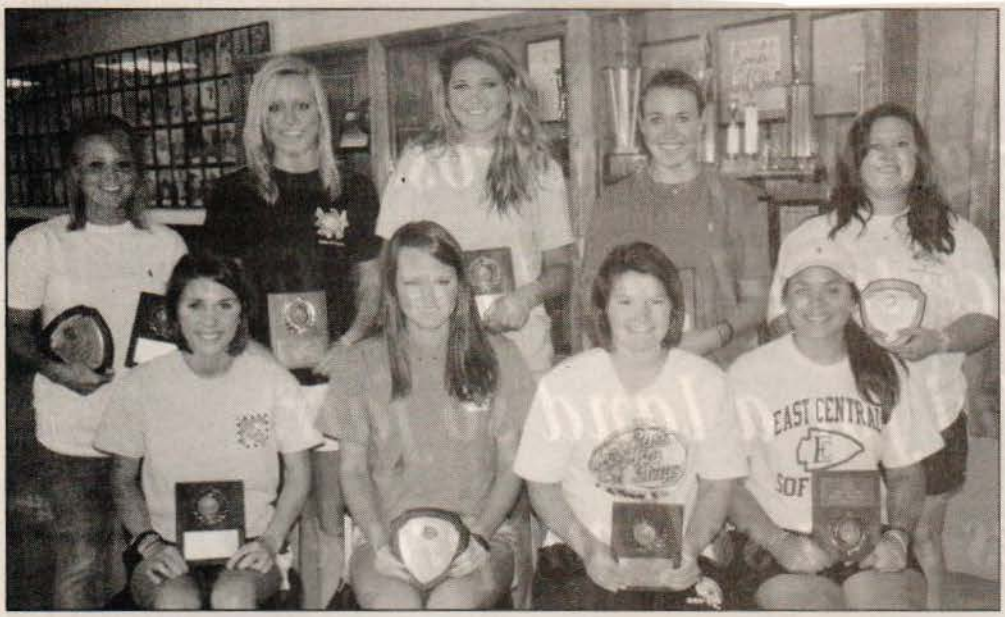

Lady Warrior Softball Award Winners

Members of East Central Community College's fastpitch softball team who won various honors following their championship 2010 season are (seated from left) Lauren Nicholas, of Neshoba Central High School, Baserunning Award; Summer Alexander of Newton County, Most Improved; Sierra Farlow of Neshoba Central, Lady Warrior award; and Taylor Bailey, of Bowie High School in Austin, Texas, All-Region 23, MACJC All-State, NJCAA Division II All-Tournament Team, and team Most Valuable Pitcher. Standing are Hailey Chisolm of Neshoba Central, All-Region 23 and co-recipient of the team's Most Valuable Offensive Player award; Kasie Buckley of Newton County, NJCAA Division II All-American, NJCAA Division II Tournament Most Valuable Offensive Player, All-Region 23, MACJC All-State and team Most Valuable Player; Emily Breland of Neshoba Central, Lady Warrior award; and Paige Holsen of Union, All-Region 23 and team Most Valuable Defensive Player. Not pictured is Hannah Lee of Leake Academy, who was selected All-Region 23 and MACJC All-State and was co-recipient of the team's Most Valuable Offensive Player award. The Lady Diamond Warriors won the Region 23 Tournament, finished fourth in the NJCAA Division II Softball Tournament and completed season action with a 47-11-1 record under head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney.

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Receives ECCC Lady Diamond Warrior awards

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McGee inks ECCC softball scholarship

Eden McGee, seated center, a former softball standout at Neshoba Central High School, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue her career at East Central Community College in Decatur. The talented third baseman received numerous honors throughout her career in slow-pitch and fast-pitch competition. She was named to the Class 5A All-State Team in slow-pitch in addition to receiving All Division 3-5A honors. She was also named a M.A.C. All-Star and received team most valuable and best defensive player awards. McGee's honors in fast-pitch include her selection to the All-Division 3-5A Team. She also received the team's best defensive player award. McGee batted .380 with two triples, four doubles and collected 15 RBIs for the Lady Rockets who won the Division 3-5A title en route to an 18-9 record. Pictured with the new Lady Diamond Warrior are (seated from left) her parents, Keith and Rhonda McGee, and (standing from left) Scott Hill, ECCC head softball coach and Lee Killen, Neshoba Central head softball coach. The ECCC Lady Diamond Warriors completed their most successful season in school history by winning the Region 23 Tournament and finishing fourth in the 2010 NJCAA Division II Softball Tournament en route to a 47-11 record.

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ECCC Squad Presented Championships Rings

Proudly displaying their Region 23 Championship rings are members of the 2010 East Central Community College fastpitch softball team who received the new jewelry during halftime ceremonies of the Warriors' 24-14 football victory over Jones County Junior College last Thursday. The Lady Diamond Warriors, led by head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney, captured the program's first region title and finished fourth in the NJCAA Division II Softball Tournament en route to a record 47 wins, 11 losses and one tie. The EC squad also finished state runner-up. Team members and their respective high schools include (not in order) Morgan Malone, Madison Central; Sierra Farlow, Lauren Nicholas, Abbie Joiner, Emily Breland and Hailey Chisolm, all of Neshoba Central; Summer Alexander, Brittney Cochran and Kasie Buckley, all of Newton County; Olivia Maher, East Ascension High School, Gonzales, La.; Shelby Smith and Paige Holsen, both of Union; Chelsea Jones, Enterprise; Taylor Bailey, Bowie High School, Austin, Texas; and Hannah Lee, Leake Academy. Managers were Monica James of Leake Academy, Jessica Bozeman of Carthage and Sydney Tucker of Neshoba Central.

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JUCO ROUNDUP

Region 23 champion Warrior softball team to be honored

from school reports

DECATUR — Championships rings will be presented to East Central Community College's 2010 softball team during halftime activities of the Warriors' football game with Jones County Junior College today. Kickoff for the MACJC South Division battle is set for 6:30 p.m. at Bailey Stadium.

The Warriors captured the program's first Region 23 title and finished fourth in the NJCAA Division II Softball Tournament en route to a record 44 wins, 11 losses and one tie. East Central also finished state runners-up.

Scott Hill serves as head coach and Kristin Chaney is his assistant.

Members of the championship squad include Morgan Malone; Sierra Farlow, Lauren Nicholas, Abbie Joiner, Emily Breland and Hailey Chisolm, all of Neshoba Central; Summer Alexander, Brittany Cochran and Kasie Buckley, Newton County; Olivia Maher; Shelby Smith and Paige Holsen, both of Union; Chelsea Jones, Enterprise; Taylor Bailey; and Hannah Lee, Leake Academy.

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Events

ECCC STUDENTS HELPING KEEP HIGHWAYS CLEAN

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These ECCC students display several bags of trash collected on Hwy. 15 south of Decatur. The students are members of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, and participate in the highway clean-up as a community service project. From left: Jordan Gunn, Forest; Kelly Dansby, Philadelphia; Kurt Simoneau, Louin; Morgan Wells, Madison; Tyler Jones, Walnut Grove; Kimberly Blackwell, Louisville; Abby McMillan, Newton; Jason Watkins, Brandon; Jaqlene Robinson, Noxapater; Drew Evans, Forest; and Anna Fulton, Louisville. Also pictured is Theta Xi co-adviser Curt Skipper.

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ECCC provides canned goods for Love's Kitchen

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa collected canned goods for Love's Kitchen in Meridian as one of their community service projects. Club members and advisers are shown with the various items prior to delivery. From left are Jordan Gunn of Forest, advisers Patrick Stokley, Kate Covich and Curt Skipper; Kimberly Blackwell of Louisville and Abby McMillan of Newton. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges.

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WEEK OF 1-11-2010

ECCC CHILDCARE STUDENTS; STAFF SEND CARDS TO SOLDIERS

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These students and staff members at the East Central Community College childcare facility recently mailed candy and homemade Christmas cards to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. The gift boxes were sent to Jemeris Payton, son of ECCC Early Childhood Education Director Debra Payton, who is stationed in Iraq and Dwayne Jackson, father of preschool student Lyric Jackson, who is stationed in Afghanistan. The children received e-mail photos of the soldiers after they received the cards and candy. Pictured are (front row, from left) Alexis Windham, Payton Pinter, Layla Love, Maurice Sanders, Natalie Felton, Rebecca Blackburn, Ryann Gorgas, Jesse Smith, Bella Grace Jones and Macy Walker; (second row, from left) Kristina Crabtree, Chamblee Ezelle, Monique McCallum, Samantha Boykin, Kristen Alexander, Benjamin Bozeman, Lyric Jackson, Kemari Brown and Tanner Strebeck; and (back row, from left) Christa Robinson, Mary Lee Gregory, Chafony Evans, Debra Payton, Kathy George, Michelle Moss, Parker Pinter, Whitney Nash, Madison Moore, Victoria York and Micah Watson.

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Organizational Clubs

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ECCC Residence Hall Council

Residence Hall Council members for 2009-10 have been announced for East Central Community College in Decatur. The organization consists of students who assist the Director of Student Life in supervising dormitories. The group is composed of resident assistants and other at-large members. Members and their respective hometowns include: (front row, from left) Laura Gunn, Forest; Amanda Watts and Denetra Darden, both of Louisville; (second row, from left) Jordan Gunn, Forest and Matt Griffin, Union; and (top row) Zachary Eaves, Louisville. For more information about EC Residence Council, contact Housing Director Marcie Pinson at 601-635-6213 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 213. (EC Photo)

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ECCC AAE members

East Central Community College has announced Alpha Alpha Epsilon members for 2009-10. AAE is an organization for students majoring in pre-engineering or industrial arts. Members are: (front, from left) Lynford Seibel, Newton; Jason Hancock, Decatur; Brandon Kennedy, Union, and John Blount, Philadelphia; and (back, from left) Haywood Reeves, sponsor, Conner Herrington, Carthage; Josh Jarriel, Philadelphia; and Dustin Cushman, Forest.

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'ECCC Incident Management Awareness Team

ECCC's Incident Management Awareness Team members for 2009-10 have been announced for East Central Community College in Decatur. The organization consists of students who assist the ECCC Police Department and personnel during emergency situations. Members and their respective hometowns include: (front row, from left) Michael McWhirter, club sponsor; Ellis Pinkard, public relations, Carthage; Stephanie Lunsford, Collinsville; Candie Willis and Daniel Alexander, vice president, both Union; Zachary Eaves, president, Louisville; and (back row, from left) Austin Maske, assistant treasurer, Newton; Hannah McCloud, treasurer, Chunky; Cody Strait, secretary, Hickory; J'Markus Dubose, public relations, Union and Alex Douglas, Sturgis. ECCC Director of Student Life/Public Safety Jonathan Peeples serves as club co-sponsor. For more information about the EC Incident Management Awareness Team contact Peeples at 601-635-6268 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 268. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 1-28-2010

Graduations

ECCC SMALL ENGINE REPAIR CLASS RECEIVES CERTIFICATES

SUBMITTED PHOTO

An East Central Community College Small Engine Repair class, ideal for learning the theory of operation, carboration, ignition systems, and internal engine components, was recently completed at the Productivity Enhancement Lab located in the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center. Participants receiving certificates of completion, seated from left, are Linda Cutrer and Torri Williams, both of Philadelphia; and standing from left, are Steward Sandford of Conehatta, John Cutrer of Philadelphia, Justin Scarbrough of Meridian, and Gary Sanford served as instructor.

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ECCC to host 550 for FBLA District Conference

East Central Community College is again serving as host for the Central District Future Business Leaders of America Conference, scheduled Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010, on the Decatur campus.

Approximately 550 FBLA students and advisers representing 28 high schools and vocational centers are expected to attend the annual event, coordinated by the College's Theta Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students.

PBL adviser Thomas Fortenberry, who teaches computer network support technology, said students will have an opportunity to test their skills and knowledge in 38 different business and computer-related contests.

"Students will be competing in various areas, including banking and financial systems, business math, computer problem solving, desktop publishing, economics, public speaking and many others," said Fortenberry. "We always look forward to hosting this event and having so many outstanding and talented students on our campus."

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WA at ECCC

Winston Academy Students Visit ECCC

These eleventh-grade psychology students from Winston Academy recently visited East Central Community College in Decatur, where they toured the campus and also sat in on a psychology class. Pictured are (front row, from left) Winston Academy instructor Amy Robinson, Bailey Talbot, Alexa Graham, Mia Arnault, Rebecca Barrier, Avery Webb, Jackson Forster, Cassie Thomas and Shelby White; (second row, from left) Jacob Carter, Chase Brandon, J.P. Arnett, Olivia Porter, Samantha Perkins, Macey Morris, Austin Flake, Sam Dempsey, Haley Vowell, Cameron Paschal and Jacob Rogers; and (back row, from left) Parker Jones, Tyler Golson, Ryan Vowell, Casey Moffett and Rob Moffitt. (EC Photo)

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The Non-Traditional girls at Newton Career Center enjoyed an informational field trip to ECCC. They participated in hands-on activities including the students pictured. Robertia Norwood and Karen Sims created building replicas. Over 30 students attended this informational trip. They had nothing but wonderful comments afterwards. "We loved it!"

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ECCC ALPHA ALPHA EPSILON

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Awards

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ECCC announces fall

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Students named to the 2009 fall semester honor roll, which includes those selected to the President's List, Dean's List and Honorable Mention List, have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

President's List

Those named to the President's List, students with a 4.0 grade point average, include the following:

From Leake County: Amelia K. Burnside, Conner David Herrington, Anthony Russell Loper, Jeremy Brian Pilgrim, Chance Edward Sistrunk and Cameron Lacy Wilcher, all of Carthage; Daniel Eric Bankston, Shaina Nicole Breedlove, Melissa Kuhn Ellis, Amy Loraine Elmore, Laquindric Antawn Stokes and James Zachary Wright, all of Walnut Grove.

From Scott County: Kristi Lynn Bell, Tasha Christine Black, Christi Capitola Breedlove, Michael Ann Durham, Miranda Gail Edwards, Andrew Michael Lee Gibbs, Jordan Matthew Gunn, Laura Elizabeth Gunn, Serena Jo Jackson, Jennifer Elizabeth Moore, Rachel Dewana Smith and Krista Alicia Thrash, all of Forest; William Quinton Davis, Jason Hardy Hawthorne and Joyce Gray Odom, all of Lake; Samantha Lynne Elkins, Lena; Benjamin Bryce Harrell, Stella Ann Jenkins and Vicki Lee Sawyer, all of Morton; Christopher W. Rhodes, Pulaski.

From Smith County: Candace Dianne Wade, Pulaski.

Dean's List

The Dean's List includes the following students who achieved a 3.5 or above grade point average:

From Leake County: Melanie Ann Albert, Larissia Danielle Bethan, Jessica Nicole Cherry, Samantha Ann Coleman, Kayla Catherine Cook, Deanna Corinne Culpepper, Ariel Jade Doggett, Manuel Esqueda, Monica Leann James, Corbin Brooks Jenkins, Alisha Denise Jones, Cristen Shalane Jones, Heather Courtney Kahn, Chassidy Sharlyn Kelly, Emily Laine Malone, James William McBeth, Ruby Elizabeth McCurdy, Lakecia Ann McQueen, Lauren Elizabeth Murphy, Tyler Jordan Neal, Julie Michelle Shepard, Kelsey Elizabeth Sikes, Danny Carl Smith, Jr., Whitney Blake Thompson, Michael Darnell Townsend and Florabel Ramon Withers, all of Carthage; Brandy Nicole Greer, Laporshia A. McBeth and Kimberly Marie Patterson, all of Lena; and Victoria Megan Barfield, Paula J. Covarrubias, Justin Randall McNeill, Mary Kathryn Palmer and Sabrina Janae Posey, all of Walnut Grove.

From Newton County: Kelby Dene Anderson, Wendy Chrea Cater, Stormie Lynn Corsaro, Alline Sue Finley, Meaghan Marie Mayes, Reaghan Nicole Mayes, Jesse N. Smith and Gina Rachelle Watkins, all of Conehatta; Ashley Lauren Amis, Colton Evan Amis, Celia Leigh Boggan, Jason Robert Hancock, Kristina Nicole Holmes, Courtney Paige Lanier, Austin Ward Mather, Kylie Anne McDonald, Tiffany Mechelle Spence, Jordan Taylor Vance, Paula Joy Vaughn and Monica Janine Vincent, all of Decatur; Brittney D. Cochran, Rachel Latoshia Morgan, Cody Lane Strait, Denise Diane Walker and Stephen Joseph Walker, all of Hickory; Donna S. Fortenberry, Thomas Christopher Gibbs, Mary Jessica Shoemake and Melissa Darlene Simmons, all of Lake; Courtney L. Gammill, Junenette Roshele Harris, Colby Eugene Harvey, Tony C. Lewis, Hannah Ashley Peoples and Dustin Clark Weeks, all of Lawrence; Anna Melissa Alexander, Summer Leigh Alexander, Whitney Lynn Clearman, Kimberly Eloise Eshee, Jessica L. Harrison, Virginia Faye Holyfield, Jeremy Carl May, Lachelle Marie Moss, Clarissa Sha Parker and Brooke Jenson Roberson, all of Little Rock; Kim Denise Amerson, Ashley Brooke Boulton, Whitney Olivia Bowden, Charles Edward Brown, Tommy L. Davis, Elise Marie Gibbs, Kimberly Lea Goodin, Brenda G. Hubsher, Lisa Michele Jay, Kristen Paige Jones, Melody Orean Mann, Tina Kathleen Mason, Adrienne Elizabeth McDill, Stephanie L. McLaurin, Quintisa M. Moncrief, Sabrina Lynn Monk, Emily Lauren Pace, Stephanie L. Robinson, Felicia Leann Sowell, Kayla Lynn Tasker, Lesley Josalind Thompson and Laura Ann Walley, all of Newton; Alicia Renay Walker, Rose Hill; and Jonathan Jacob Adkins, James Merrill Cassel II, Bobby Joe Harrell, Lisa Karen Moulds and Victoria Denise York, all of Union.

From Scott County: Tracy Lynn Alexander, Bridget Denise Burkes, Justin E. Collins, Ramon A. Fonseca-Lopez, Marissa Janae Gordy, Cody Ross Harrell, Shaquinta Shantell Ickom, Brittany Denise Jennings, Candise Renee Johnson, Jennifer Michelle Patrick, Jennifer Theresa Shannon, Angela Marie Slack, Joshua Ryan Taylor, Rochelsey Symone Thomas, Cody Neil Walters and Jarod Westley Yarbrough, all of Forest; Kiswana Dashaye Burnside, Brit-

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semester honor roll

tany Leeann Edwards, Mary Alli French, Margaret Christina Gibbs, Angel Lee Hunt, Marshall Detrel Jones, Karley Joanna Mitchell, Aaron Craft Snell, Jamey Christina Taylor and Laura Reshelle Williams, all of Lake; Nakesha Lashay Kincaid, Ludlow; Sherrell Monique Bilbro, Bailey Allyn Brown, Myrtle Renee Johnson and Kayla Rae Stevenson, all of Morton; and Tara Rose Gilmer Walnut Grove.

Honorable Mention List

The following students were named to the Honorable Mention List and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average:

From Leake County: Carrie Ann Alexander, Haley Marie Barrett, Cass Chipley Beem, James Lucas Brown, Morgan Ariel Doty, Erica Lee Dowell, Austin Marcus Dye, Misty Ann Ellington, Anahi Acevedo Esqueda, Lashonda M. Gray, Amanda Rene Griffith, William Alexander Hamilton, James Cory Harkins, Mickey Renee Harris, Casey Wayne Henderson, Tiffany Shalice Henson, Ariel Linnea Hobson, Bradley Kenneth Horn, Ashlee Alyssa Johnston, Victoria Lasha Kimble, Melonie Kara Knutson, Holley Nicole Lindsay, Pervis Deshaun Mann, Antonio Demond Nash, Stacey Nicole Pogue, Christopher C. Searcy, Jessie Faye Tate, Adriana Lyn Thaggard, Emily Kristen Thomas, Trent Preston Travis, Joyce Leanne White and Matthew Carl Wilbanks, all of Carthage; Jerekia Japhet Harris and Allen Braxton Johnson, both of Lena; and Sylvester Keyon Carter, Tyler Lane Comans, Brandi Nicole Goss, Allison K. Lang, Tiffany Leeann Lowery, Christopher Jacob Martinson, Steven Michael McCarty, Bethany Lachelle Monk and Melissa Grayson Tharpe, all of Walnut Grove.

From Scott County: Shelby Dwight Shelley, Conehatta; Jennifer Leann Allen, Andrea Leigh Anderson, Jessica Monique Brown, Cody Ray Buckley, Robert Tyler Cox, Jeri Lynn Crosby, Dustin Marcus Cushman, Latrenda Diane Davis, Erica Hailey Ervin, Kristen Elisa Everett, Casey Nichole Frith, Leslie Anne Graham, Marley Elyse Hanna, Joel Lee Hardy, Sean Gregory Johnson, Juanita Jones, Tara Danielle Martin, Edna Ruth McDonald, Audrey Culpepper Neal, Quentinette Nicole Odom, Tina Marie Pittman, Sophia D. Reed, Jonathan Pryor Richardson, Kristie Diana Robinson, Hansel David Ruiz, Lindsey Deanna Sanders, Andrea Lashun Slaughter, Mckenzie Carr Stringer, Bobby James Thigpen, April Denise Vivians, Katelynn Nicole Waldrip, Audrianna Walker, Kimberly Ann Wareing, Ronnie White, Dequita Tewanda Williams and Janet Williams, all of Forest; Lanie T. Triplett, Hillsboro; Fredrick Bernard Harris, Joshua Kenneth Lang, Colton Blake Mitchell, Donnatello R. Pittman, Bethany Danielle Taylor and Mandy Gail Yarbrough, all of Lake; Duane John Bilbro, Nicholas Alexander Bradley, Brittany Frances Cameron, Brittany E. Granberry, Lauren Rosa Jahn, Joshua Glenn Kennedy, Matthew Glenn McCurdy, Kayla Anne Morehead, Justin Devon Runnels, Eliska Andito Slaughter, Kimberly Ann Traxler and Kimberly Nicole Weems, all of Morton; and Sarah Jessica Beauchamp, Walnut Grove.

From Smith County: Brittany Katherine Harrison and Kelsi Diane Walters, both of Pulaski; and Cory Dujuan Bender, Raleigh.

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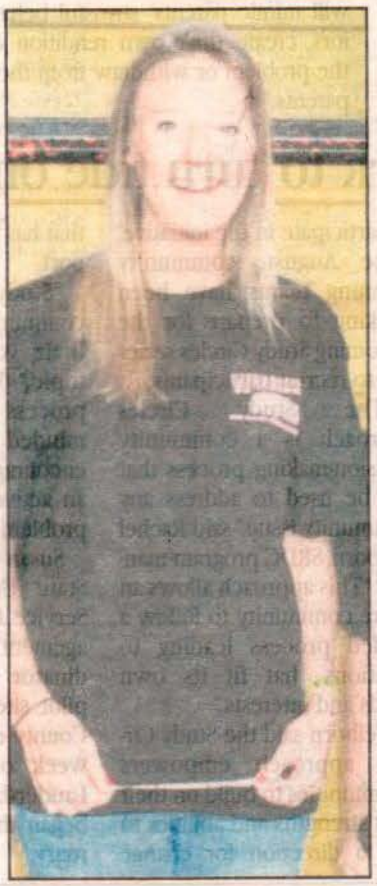

P.I.N.C. Conference

Twelve girls from the Winston-Louisville Career & Technology Center recently attended the P.I.N.C. Conference(People in Non-traditional Careers) at ECCC. The girls had the opportunity to receive hands-on instruction in careers traditionally dominated by males. At the end of the exciting and informative day, one student from the five-county consortia was drawn for a full tuition non-traditional scholarship at ECCC. Our own Madelyn Reed was chosen. Some non-tradional programs for females offered at the WLCTC are Building Trades, Agricultural Mechanics, Metal Trades, Automotive Technology, Forestry, and Drafting.

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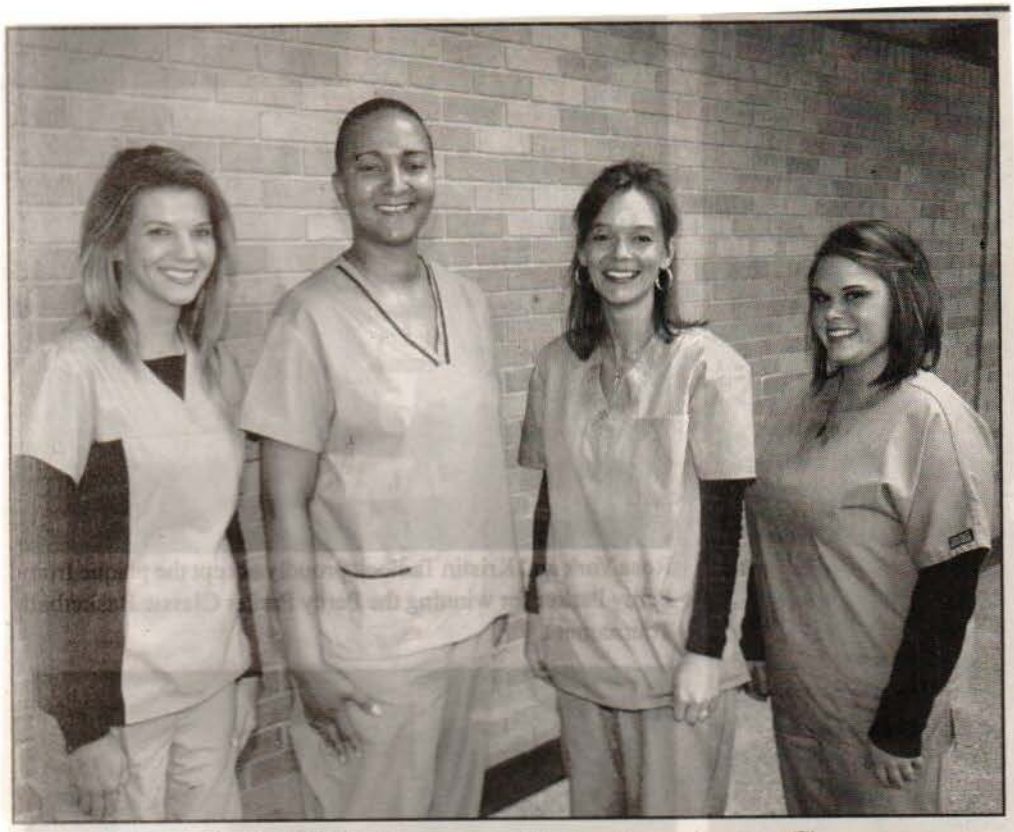

Lead ECCC Surgical Technology Group

These surgical technology students at East Central Community College in Decatur were recently selected as officers of the East Central Surgical Technology Student Association (ECSTSA). From left are Jessica Williamson, president, of Louisville; Gail Chambers, vice president, Philadelphia; Leslie Fussel, secretary, Louisville; and Jenna Hatch, treasurer, Morton. ECSTSA is an organization designed to help surgical technology students acquire knowledge and skills essential for preparing them for a surgical technology career. Surgical technology instructors LeAnn Shirley and Kristie Pilgrim serve as sponsors.
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Winston's ECCC Who's Who

Winston Students Selected for Who's Who at ECCC

These Winston County students were recently selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for the 2009-10 term at East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding students were nominated for the honor by faculty and staff, with selection based on academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations. Those selected and their respective hometowns are (front row, from left) Jessica Hamilton, Kimberly Blackwell and Anna Fulton, all of Louisville; and (back row, from left) Nathan Calvert, Jacob Drury, Hailey Moody and Lance Goodin, all of Louisville. Not pictured are Todd Johnson and Drew Smith, both of Louisville. (EC Photo)

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Philly's Lee named new Miss ECCC

Reginald "Reggie" Davis, a 2008 graduate of Newton County High School, and Hannah Lee, a 2008 graduate of Leake Academy, were recently selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College following elections held on the Decatur campus.

Lee, a nursing major, is the daughter of Jeff and Tammy Lee of Philadelphia.

She serves as president of the sophomore class and is a member of the Warrior Corps, Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She was selected as a 2009 Beauty and was selected 2009 Homecoming Maid of Honor.

In addition, she is co-captain of the Lady Warrior Basketball Team and a member of the Lady Diamond Warrior Softball Team.

A Presidents List Scholar she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges.

Reggie Davis and Hannah Lee.

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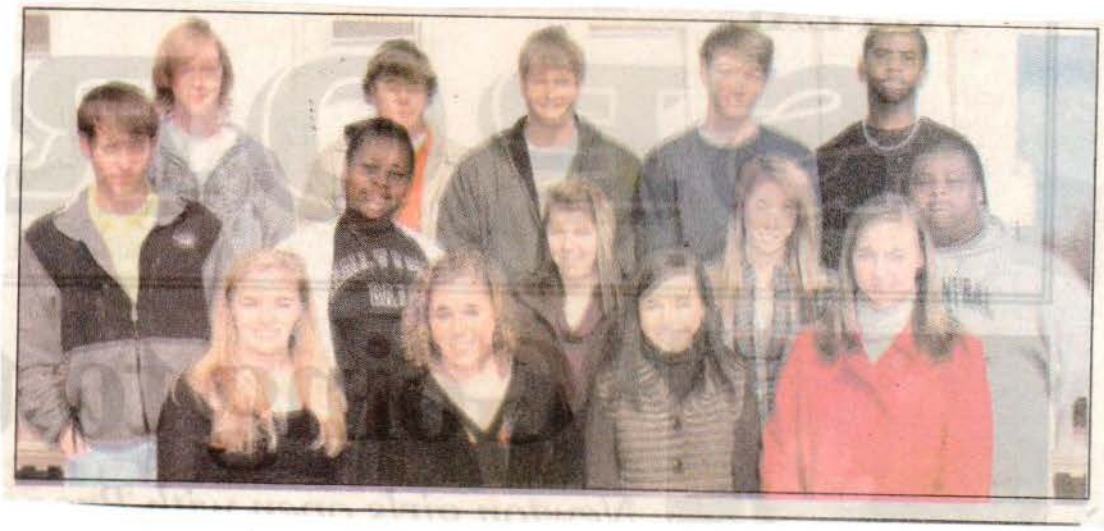
Newton County Students Selected for Who's Who at ECCC...These Newton County students were recently selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for the 2009-10 term at East Central Community College in Decatur. Those selected and their respective hometowns are (front row, from left) Lacey Gilmore, Sebastopol; and Kimberly Goodin, Adrienne McDill and Abby McMillan, all of Newton; (second row, from left) Trey Herrington, Union; Kim Amerson and Ashley Dumas, both of Decatur; and Elise Gibbs and Bill Flowers, both of Newton; and (back row, from left) Kyle Ethridge, Cody Cotten and Jason Hancock, all of Decatur; Brandon Kennedy, Union; and Steve Edwards, Jr., Newton. Not pictured are Colton Amis, Decatur; Brittney Cochran and Chelsea Pugh, both of Hickory; Lachelle Moss, Little Rock; Kevin Chapman, Leslie Crawford and Laura Walley, all of Newton; and Jennifer Bullard, Leanna Holsen, Brandon Hughes, Leif Miller, Amy Plainsance and Jordan Smith, all of Union. (EC Photo)



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Receive First Chair Honors During ECCC Band Clinic

These local musicians received first chair, first band honors during the 32nd annual East Central Community College Invitational Band Clinic held recently on the Decatur campus. The two-day clinic is comprised of first and second bands, which include the top musicians from the ECCC district. The clinic concludes with a concert in Huff Auditorium. Students and their respective schools include (front row, from left) Ruby Stewart (baritone) and Allie Burt (trumpet), both of Neshoba Central; Helen Echazabal (trombone), Morton; Zach Peden (alto sax), Neshoba Central; Katherine Jacome-Cluff (clarinet), Newton County; and Caleb Raines (bass), Newton County; (second row, from left) Ashley Bozeman (mallets), Newton County; Lindsay Gibbs (flute), Morton; Jimmeria Jones (contra bass), Forest; and Matthew Dempsey (French horn), Louisville; and (back row, from left) Brandon Gladney (percussion) and Jason Mann (tuba), both of Newton County; and Spencer Sims (tenor sax) and Andrew Kiepe (bari sax), both of Neshoba Central. ECCC alumnus Sid McNeil, band director at Olive Branch, served as guest clinician for the first band and Matt Rowan of Oxford directed the second band. Thomas W. Carson serves as ECCC Director of Bands. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Spring Band Concert set

An evening of musical entertainment is scheduled Thursday, March 11, 2010, when East Central Community College's Band Department presents its Spring Concert on the Decatur campus, announced Thomas W. Carson, director of bands.

The annual program begins at 7 p.m. in Huff Auditorium, and features performances by the concert and jazz bands and the percussion ensemble.

One of the concert band's selections includes a "Pirates of the Caribbean" symphonic suite, and the percussion ensemble will entertain with its "high energy rhythmic performance" and will even send listeners "back to school" during a special presentation, said Jared Brownlee, assistant director, who conducts both groups.

Carson's jazz band will perform the classic jazz chart, In the Mood, in addition to a "K.C. and Sunshine Band" tribute.

There is no charge for admission.

For more information, contact the ECCC Band Department, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, ext. 228. The e-mail address is tcarson@eccc.edu.

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FBLA accounting honorees

Students receiving top honors in the Accounting I competition held during the 2010 Central District Conference of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) hosted by East Central College in Decatur include, front, from left, Daniel Kuchman, first place, Warren Central High School; Jacariah Parker, second, West Tallahatchie High School; and Abby Posey, third, Philadelphia High School; and (back, from left) Allen Roberts, fourth, South Leake High School; Elizabeth Jones, fifth, Winston-Louisville Vocational Complex; and Zsalicia Jones, sixth, Claiborne County Vocational-Technical Center. Also pictured is Wayne Eason, ECCC Dean of Career and Technical Education.

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Scholarships

Jenkins wins scholarship

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Stella Jenkins, left, of Morton is a recent recipient of a non-traditional student tuition scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. She received the honor from Joe Killens, right, vice president for student services. Jenkins, a 37-year-old freshman and pre-nursing major, earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average last fall and qualified as a President's List Scholar. A 1990 graduate of Scott Central High School, Jenkins is married to Duran Jenkins and has two children, Lee Taylor and Brittany Taylor, and three step-children, Krystal Jenkins, Rachel Jenkins and Jennifer Jenkins. Nontraditional student scholarships are provided students age 23 or older who meet the scholarship guidelines.

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ECCC locals honored

Sophomore cheerleaders at East Central Community College in Decatur received special recognition during Sophomore Appreciation Night held Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010 as the Lady Warriors and Warriors completed regular season competition against Jones County Junior College in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Honorees and their respective high schools include (from left) Adrienne McDill, Newton County; Abby McMillan, Newton County Academy; Dustin Stewart, Louisville; Will Emmons, Lake; Anna Williams (captain), Newton County Academy; Liz Withers, Neshoba Central; Cody Ming and Paul David Hatcher, both of Winston Academy; and Brandon Kennedy, Union. The presentation was made by Shelley Thoms, cheer coach. (EC Photo) www.eccc.edu

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ECCC Phi Theta Kappa Inductees...These East Central Community College students from Newton County were tapped for membership in Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, during the annual spring induction ceremony held Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, on the Decatur campus. Membership in the prestigious organization is by invitation only and requires a minimum 3.5 grade point average earned as a full-time student. Inductees and their respective hometowns include (first row, from left) Jennifer Marie Felton, Lawrence; Kristina Nicole Holmes and Courtney Paige Lanier, both of Decatur; Tiffany Lauren Hennington, Union; Anna Melissa Alexander, Little Rock; Kylie Anne McDonald and Tiffany Mechelle Spence, both of Decatur; and Sabrina Lynne Monk and Lisa Michelle Jay, both of Newton; (middle row, from left) Colby Eugene Harvey, Lawrence; Brandon Jaleel Boulton, Newton; Jon Garrett Moore, Union; Virginia Faye Holyfield, Little Rock; Monica Janine Vincent and Celia Leigh Boggan, both of Decatur; and Kayla Lynn Tasker, Newton; and (back row, from left) Stacy Elisabeth Williams and Zachary L. White, both of Union; Ashley Brooke Boulton, Newton; Matthew Rich Griffin, Union; Jessica Lynne Harrison, Little Rock; Brandon Eric Kennedy, Union; and Ashley Elise Walker, Little Rock. ECCC faculty members Kate Keenan Covich and Curt Skipper serve as chapter advisers. (EC Photo)

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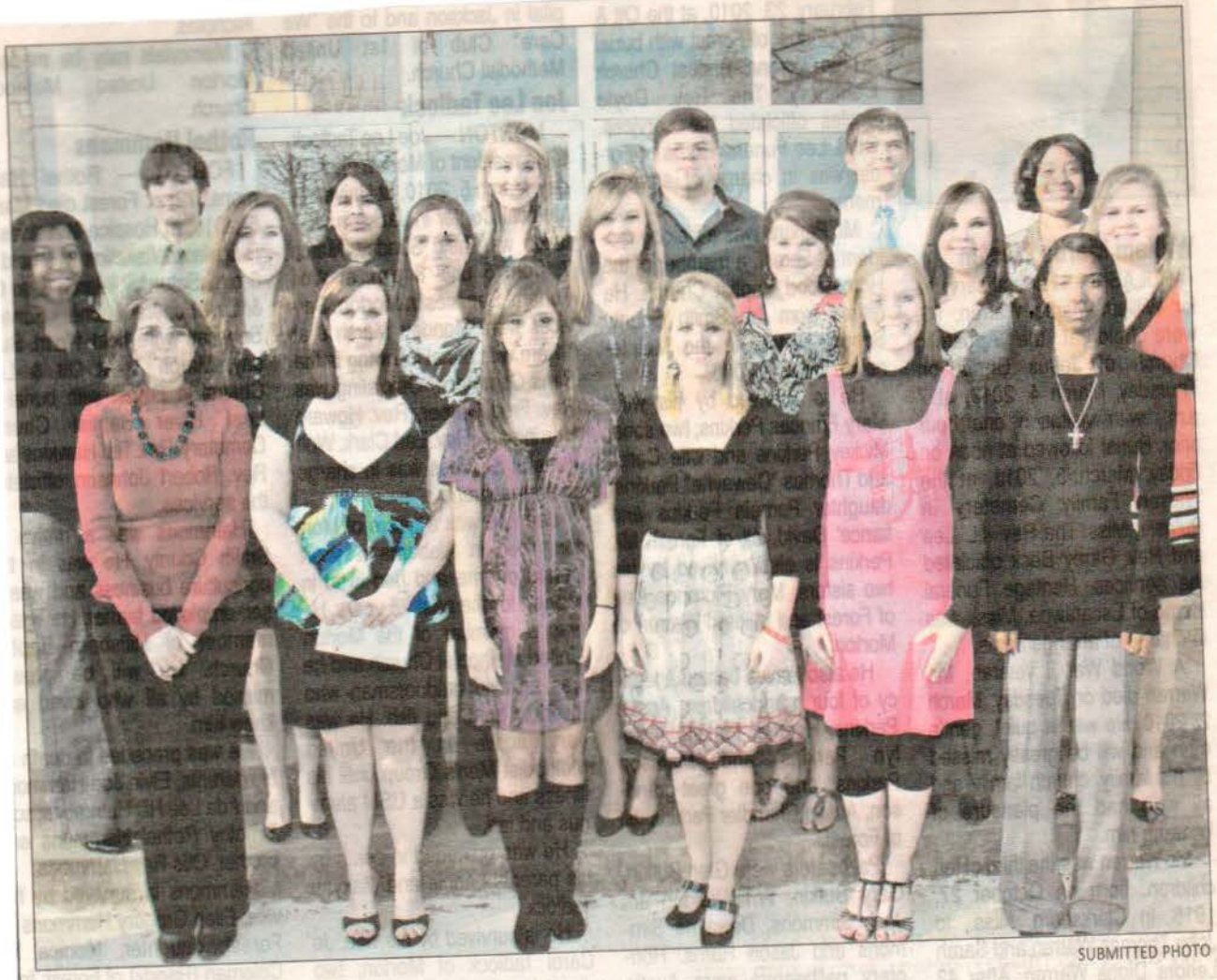

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SCOTT COUNTY STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO ECCC HONOR SOCIETY

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Bowden Joins ECCC Honor Society...Whitney Olivia Bowden of Newton was among East Central Community College students tapped for membership in Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges, during the annual spring induction ceremony held Sunday, Feb. 28 on the Decatur campus. Membership in the prestigious organization is by invitation only and requires a 3.5 grade point average earned as a full-time student. ECCC faculty members Kate Keenan Covich and Curt Skipper serve as chapter advisers.

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ECCC PTK members

Winston Students Tapped for ECCC Honor Society

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ECCC welcomes New Phi Theta Kappa members

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Amy A. Walgamott, Phi Theta Kappa Coordinator for the Mississippi/Louisiana Region, provided opening remarks and congratulated inductees on their academic success.

Retired ECCC faculty member Ovid S. Vickers was guest speaker and spoke with pride of the many graduates of the institution who continue to have successful careers in their chosen fields.

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ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin and Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction, also provided remarks and congratulated inductees.

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Local New members of Theta Xi and their respective hometowns include:

Latanya Ann Ball, MCCOOL;

Megan Renea Edwards, Jessica Marie Hamilton, Meredith Dawn Jones and Katlin Alice Woodruff, all of LOUISVILLE; Samantha Lynee Elkins and Kimberly Marie Patterson, both of LENA; Richard Michael Adams, Morgan Dion Bailey, William Chandler Barfoot, John Travis Blount, Sarah Kathryn Breland, Laurel Alyssa Burnett, Jessie Lee Flake, Marilyn K. Howell, Abbie Christina Joiner, Joel Kirkland McKee, Meredith Brooke McKee, Jean Marie Pfeifer, Kristi Marie Prewitt, Charles Walton Stinson, Jonathan Matthew Tingle, Austin Clay Vaughn, Willie Kevin Vaughn and Sidney Jackson Williams, all of PHILADELPHIA; Jonathan Jacob Adkins, Christine Camille Camp, Matthew Rich Griffin, Erin Elizabeth Hall, Tiffany Lauren Hennington, Brandon Eric Kennedy, Jon Garrett Moore, Shelby Hannah Smith, Lindsey Joyce Stuart, Yancey Leigh Tillman, Zachary L. White and Stacy Elizabeth Willis, all of UNION.

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WEEK OF May 10, 2010

ECCC graduation set for May 15

More than 450 students are scheduled to receive diplomas Saturday, May 15, when East Central Community College holds its 81st Commencement beginning at 11 a.m. in the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

Included in the total are those who completed degree requirements following the 2009 summer and fall terms, according to Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction.

Those participating in the program include graduating sophomores Austin Crouther of Union, who will give the invocation; Jordan Gunn of Forest, commencement speaker; and Hannah Lee of Philadelphia, benediction. Drew Harrison of Little Rock will present the musical selection "You Raise Me Up."

In the absence of College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Records and Research, will present candidates for graduation and Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction, will award degrees and certificates to the following:

May graduation - Amelia Katherine Burnside, Deborah Coleman, Gwendolyn Burkett Crumbley, Vickie Renae Daniel, Amanda R. Griffith, James Cory Harkins, Casey Wayne Henderson, Tiffany Shalice Henson, Conner David Herrington,

April J. Hogue, Monica Leann James, Corbin Jenkins, Holley Nicole Lindsay, Emily Laine Malone, James William McBeth,

LaKecia Ann McQueen, Cody A. Mullen, Erin Odom, Tywana Jones Peavy, Constance Diane Savell, Whitney Blake Thompson and Linda Watkins, all of Carthage;

Brandy Greer, Allen Braxton Johnson and Shannon Dee Moss, all of Lena; Jacklyn E. Wright, Louisville; John Weston Thomas, Madden; and Daniel Bankston, Miriah E. Barney, Paula Jean Covarrubias, Melissa Ellis, Melissa Grayson, Tiffany Lee Ann Lowery, Justin Randall McNeill, LaQuindric Stokes and James Zachary Wright, all of Walnut Grove;

Carrie Ann Alexander and William Alex Hamilton, both of Carthage; and Tara Rose Gilmer, Sebastopol.

August 2009 graduates: - Cristen ShaLane Nash, Michael A. Willis, both of Carthage; Apryl Leah White, Lena.

December 2009 graduates: - Cheyenne Gross, Whitnee McMichael and Joshua Paul Quick, all of Carthage. and Donnie Ray Files, Sylvia J. Graves and Chad O'Connell Rhinewalt, all of Lena.

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EC interviewed students

East Central Community College sophomores Quin Stokes (left) of Carthage and Kurt Simoneau of Louin provided comments regarding their community college experience during an interview with Patty Davis (right), senior news editor/reporter with Mississippi Public Broadcasting. The interview was conducted during Capitol Day activities held Feb. 18, 2010, in Jackson. The annual event, sponsored by the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges, is held to bring attention to the funding needs of the state's community and junior colleges and to promote the colleges' ongoing Mississippi Values message.

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ECCC RESIDENCE HALL COUNCIL

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Residence Hall Council members for 2009-10 have been announced for East Central Community College in Decatur. Members and their respective hometowns include: (front row, from left) Laura Gunn, Forest; Amanda Watts and Denetra Darden, both of Louisville; (second row, from left) Jordan Gunn, Forest and Matt Griffin, Union; and (top row) Zachary Eaves, Louisville.

Lee named Miss ECCC

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Hannah Lee, a 2008 graduate of Leake Academy, was recently selected Miss East Central Community College.

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Lee, a nursing major, is the daughter of Jeff and Tammy Lee of Philadelphia. She serves as president of the sophomore class and is a member of the Warrior Corps, Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She was selected as a 2009 Beauty and was selected 2009 Homecoming Maid of Honor. In addition, she is co-captain of the Lady Warrior Basketball Team and a member of the Lady Diamond Warrior Softball Team. A Presidents List Scholar she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges.

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EC PBL award winners

Displaying various awards won at state competition are the above members of East Central Community College's Phi Beta Lambda chapter, which placed in 17 of 22 events at the annual contest for business students held in Tupelo. Theta Chi Chapter was also recognized as a Gold Seal Chapter and finished second in fund-raising for the March of Dimes. Award winners include (seated from left) Brittany Morrison of Newton, first place in Free Enterprise Project and Marketing Analysis and Decision Making; Kim Amerson, also of Newton, first place in Business Presentation and Community Service Project and named to Who's Who; Meredith McKee of Philadelphia, first place, Client Service and second, Future Business Executive; Kimberly Goodin of Newton, first place in Free Enterprise Project and Web Site Development; Emily Malone of Carthage, first place in Business Presentation and Community Service Project; Abby McMillan of Newton, first place in Parliamentary Procedures and Small Business Management Plan; and Anna Alexander of Little Rock, first place in Parliamentary Procedures and Public Speaking; and (standing from left) Matt Griffin of Union, first place, Small Business Management Plan and third, Business Decision Making; Casey Shoemaker of Decatur, first place in Business Presentation and Web Site Development; Ryan Gillis of Newton, first place, Parliamentary Procedure and was chosen state parliamentarian; Chance Hall of Forest, first place, Parliamentary Procedures; second, Local Chapter Annual Business Report; and was chosen state vice president; Brian Wiseman of Newton, first place, Digital Video Production and second, Telecommunications; Morgan Bailey of Philadelphia, second place, Job Interview; John Blount, also of Philadelphia, second place, Statistical Analysis and third, Business Decision Making; and Paula Covarrubias of Walnut Grove, second place, Sales Presentation. Not pictured are Jason Hancock of Decatur, first place, Small Business Management Plan and third, Business Decision Making; Shikira Moore of Philadelphia, fourth place, International Business; and Zach Gibbs of Forest, named to Who's Who.The first- and second-place winners advance to the National PBL Leadership Conference scheduled July 9-13, 2010, in Nashville, TN.

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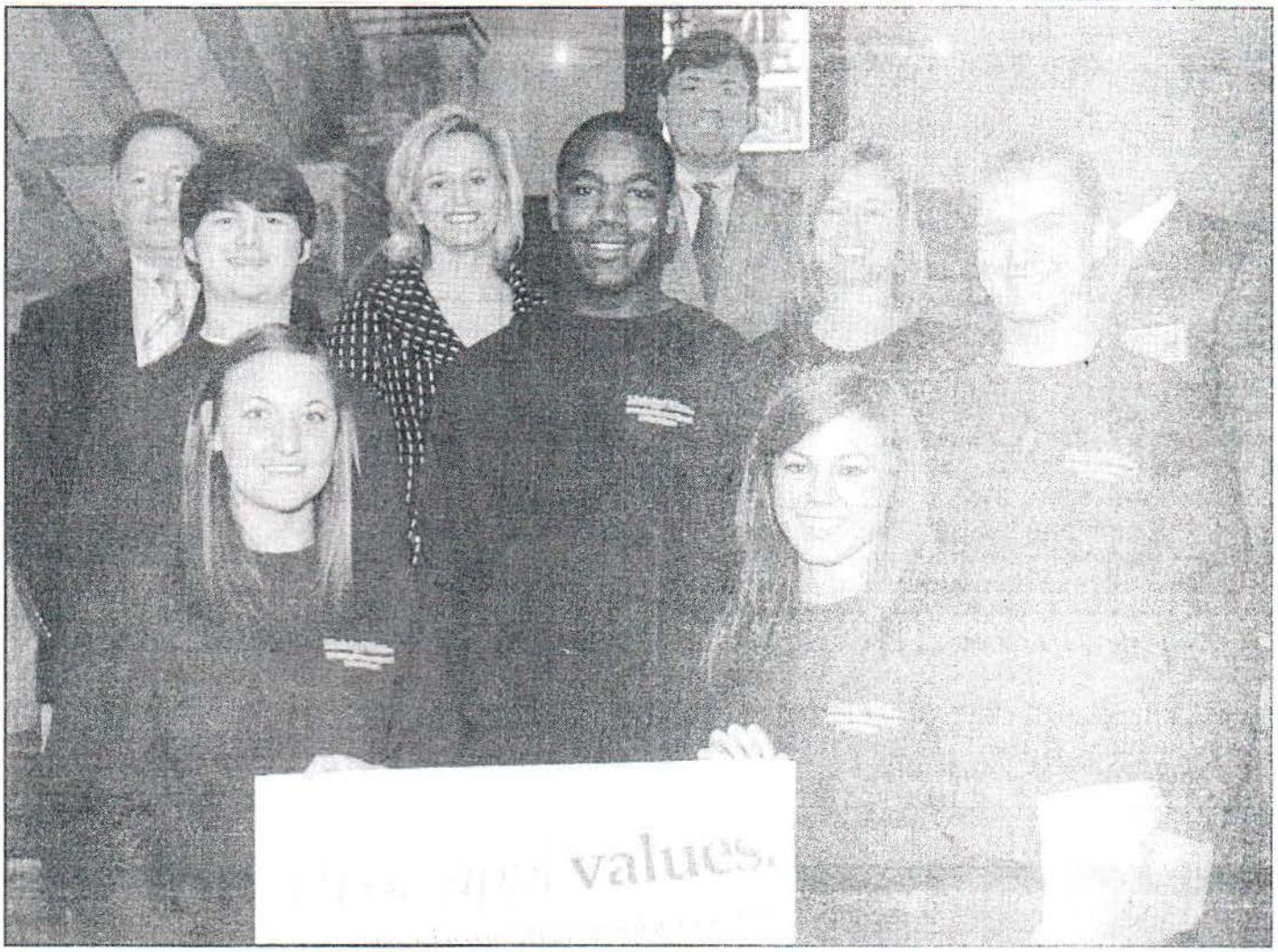

EC Capitol Day participants

Representing East Central Community College in Decatur at the annual Capitol Day activities held Feb. 18, 2010, in Jackson were (front, from left) sophomore Abby McMillan of Newton and freshman Monica Vincent of Decatur; (second row, from left) sophomores Kurt Simoneau of Louin, Quin Stokes of Carthage and Zach Gibbs of Forest; and (back row, from left) faculty members Marc McCool of Louisville, Kate Covich of Rose Hill and Christy Ferguson of Philadelphia; and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, who were joined in the photo by State Rep. Russ Nowell of Louisville. Sponsored by the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges, Capitol Day is held to bring attention to the funding needs of the state's community and junior colleges and to promote the colleges' ongoing Mississippi Values message. Gov. Haley Barbour, Lt. Gov. Phil Bryant, Dr. Eric Clark, executive director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges; and Rep. Kelvin Buck of Holly Springs, who serves as chairman of House Universities and Colleges Committee, and several community and junior college students were among speakers at the morning press conference, attended by approximately 200 community and junior college students and faculty.

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These surgical technology students at East Central Community College in Decatur were selected as officers of the East Central Surgical Technology Student Association (ECSTSA). From left are Jessica Williamson, president, Louisville; Gail Chambers, vice president, Philadelphia; Leslie Fussel, secretary, Louisville; and Jenna Hatch, treasurer, Morton. ECSTSA is an organization designed to help surgical technology students acquire knowledge and skills essential for preparing them for a surgical technology career. Surgical technology instructors LeAnn Shirley and Kristie Pilgrim serve as sponsors.

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These Scott County students were recently selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for the 2009-10 term at East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding students were nominated for the honor by faculty and staff, with selection based on academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations. Those selected and their respective hometowns are, from left, Bailey Brown of Morton; and Jordan Gunn, Reshetta Benton and Veronica Smith, all of Forest. Not pictured are Candise Johnson, Edgar Alvarez, Zach Gibbs, Rachel Ramirez and Krista Thrash, all of Forest.

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Moreau's "Farewell to Youth' concert March 29 at EC

Accomplished pianist Barton Andrew Moreau will be in concert Monday, March 29 at East Central Community College in Decatur, where he will perform works by Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin and other artists for a program titled "Farewell to Youth."

The special presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium. There is no charge for admission.

Moreau, a faculty member at Boise State University in Boise, Idaho, made his orchestral debut at age 14 with the New England Youth Ensemble at a concert in New York City. He has since performed as a featured soloist with orchestras across the United States, including the New Orleans Symphony, Port City Symphony in Mobile, Gulf Coast Symphony in Biloxi, Northwest Florida Symphony in Niceville and Mesa Symphony in Mesa, Arizona.

Moreau has collaborated with distinguished international artists, including clarinetists Robert Spring and Jorge Montilla, and oboist Andrea Ridilla. He has performed at a number of national and regional conferences, including the College Music Society (CMS) National and Pacific Northwest conferences, Montana-Idaho Clarinet Festivals and ClarinetFest in 2003.

Recent performances include appearances with the Boise Philharmonic Orchestra and at the McCall Second Sunday Sounds Concert Series in Idaho. He also performs regularly with his wife, clarinetist Leslie Moreau, as part of the Moreau Duo.

Moreau's honors include a top prize at the Debose National Piano Competition and a collegiate artist award from the Alabama Music Teachers' Association. He is also a recipient of the Theadore Presser Award. In 2007, he was a finalist at the World Piano Pedagogy Conference's "Most Wanted Pianist" competition in Las Vegas.

Moreau currently teaches piano, music theory and music literature courses as an adjunct faculty member at Boise State.

Moreau's parents are Henry and Sara Moreau of Decatur.

For more information, contact Len Bobo, ECCC music keyboard instructor, 601-635-6227 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 227. The e-mail address is lbobo@eccc.edu.

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Tapped for membership

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Mu Alpha Theta members for 2009-10 have been announced for East Central Community College in Decatur. Members and their respective hometowns include: (front row, from left) Sue Ford, sponsor; Anna Switzer, Meridian; Reaghan Mayes, Conehatta; Hannah Watkins, Union; and Meaghan Mayes, Conehatta and (back row, from left) Paul Sewell, secretary/treasurer, Cherokee County, Ala.; Kurt Simoneau, vice president, Louin; Jason Hancock, Decatur; Jason Watkins, Lake; and Chelsea Pugh, president, Hickory.

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2010 All-Mississippi Academic Team

Anna Elizabeth Fulton
East Central Community College
GPA: 4.0
Major: Biological Sciences
Career Goal: Radiologist
Accomplishments: Centralettes Dance Team, College Recruitment Team, Drama Group Dancer/Singer, Baptist Student Union Member, Praise & Worship Service Leader, Adopt-A-Highway, Church Musician, Operation Christmas Child

2010 All-Mississippi Academic Second Team

Kimberly Blackwell
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Gunn Named HEADWAE Honoree

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Sophomore pre-medicine major Jordan Gunn of Forest and Speech instructor Kate Keenan Covich of Rose Hill represented East Central Community College in Decatur at the 23rd Annual HEADWAE program held February 24.

The HEADWAE (Higher Education Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) program was sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature, supported by the corporate community and is coordinated by the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities. The Lieutenant Governor serves as chair of HEADWAE, which each year honors outstanding faculty members and students from each participating member institution of the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities.

Activities for the special day included special recognition of the honorees at the State Capitol followed by an awards luncheon at the Jackson Convention Center in downtown Jackson. In addition, a booklet will be published featuring photographs and biographical sketches of each award recipient.

Gunn has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average while serving leadership roles in various college activities.

He is president of the concert choir and residence

Gunn

hall advisers and co-president of the Warrior Corps, a select group of students that assists in recruiting and other campus activities.

He also serves as vice president of fellowship for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

In addition, he is an active member of the Baptist Student Union, serving as council member and Bible study leader. He is also a former member of the Praise Band.

He was presented the Aaron R. Davis Memorial Scholarship and the General Patrick Wilson Memorial Scholarship during the College's Awards Day activities in 2009.

Gunn was recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges and selected a sophomore class favorite.

He is a 2008 honor graduate of Lake High School, where he was class valedictorian and recipient of numerous academic awards. He was also a four-year lettermen and award-winner in baseball and held leadership roles in various clubs and organizations.

In addition, he was named to The National Society of High School Scholars, National Technical Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Gunn also excelled as a student at the Forest-Scott County Career and Technology Center. He won honors in HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) competition, including a fourth-place award in medical terminology at the state contest. He was also named Allied Health I Outstanding Student in 2007 and Allied Health II Outstanding Student in 2008.

He received several scholarships to attend ECCC, including the Presidential Scholarship, Valedictorian Scholarship, Concert Choir Scholarship, ACT Scholarship and Bank of Forest Scholarship.

His parents are David and Elizabeth Gunn of Forest.

In addition to her teaching duties, Covich is serving her second year as co-adviser for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. She also serves as vice president of the ECCC Admin-

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istration, Faculty and Staff Association.

In addition, she was one of two ECCC faculty members selected to participate in the inaugural class of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy for 2009-10.

Covich joined the ECCC faculty in 2007 after previously serving as an adjunct instructor for ECCC and Meridian Community College. She formerly worked in public relations for the Mitchell Companies in Meridian and earlier served as a producer and researcher for the Center for Public Television in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

She received a bachelor's degree in communication with an emphasis in broadcasting and public relations in 2005 from Mississippi State University. She received a master's degree in telecommunication and film from the University of Alabama in 2006.

She is currently working on a Ph. D. in speech communication at the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is married to Sean Covich. She is the daughter of John and Sandy Keenan of Rose Hill.

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SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY GRADS

These students completed East Central Community College's Surgical Technology Program and were presented pins at the annual ceremony held Dec. 17, 2009, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. Graduates and their respective hometowns include (first row, from left) Brooke Barrett, Sebastopol; Chambre' Bolton, Meridian; Debra Clemons, Philadelphia; Courtney Cravens and Jermaine Glass, both of Louisville; and Kayetta Grace, DeKalb; (second row, from left) Raven Hardy, Newton; Melissa Kleinschmidt and Magan Lancaster, both of Union; Tony Lewis, Lawrence; Tina McMullan, Decatur; and Kimberly Wareing, Forest; and (back row, from left) Cristen Nash, Carthage; Veronica Newell, Meridian; Kandace Smith, Philadelphia; Mecklin Soules, Heidelberg; Takelia Stephens, Meridian; Holly Tanner, Ethel; and Victoria Moore, Newton. Tanner was also selected "Surgical Technology Student of the Year." LeAnn Shirley and Kristie Pilgrim are program instructors.

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STUDENTS PROVIDE FOR NEEDY

Student Body Association officers at East Central Community College in Decatur are shown with gifts collected for a needy family in Newton County. The College leaders said they participated in the community project "to demonstrate the true meaning of Christmas." Seated from left are Kimberly Blackwell of Nanih Waiya, sophomore vice president; Anna Alexander, a home-school student from Little Rock, freshman secretary; Kerri Cook of Carthage, SBA vice president; Lacey Gilmore of Newton County, sophomore secretary; and Abby McMillan of Newton County Academy, sophomore treasurer; and (standing from left) Edgar Alvarez of Forest, SBA president; Alejandro Chavez of New Albany, freshman vice president; Kyle Killens of Newton County, SBA treasurer; Ben Stewart of Grenada, freshman treasurer; Cody Walters of Forest SBA secretary; and Christian Ortega of Forest, freshman president. Also participating in the project but not pictured is Hannah Lee of Leake Academy, sophomore president. Forest native Marcie Wall Pinson, Director of Housing and Student Activities, serves as sponsor.

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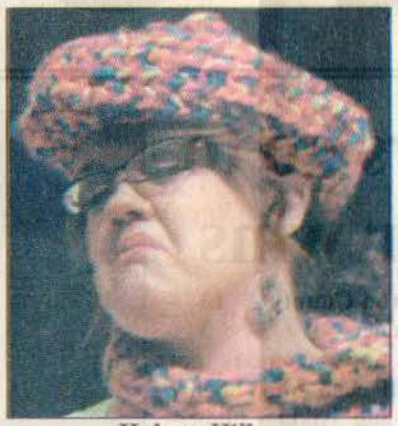
'High School Musical' at ECCC

Jessy Harrison and Colton Amis

Courtney Lanier



Kelsey Hill

Celia Boggan

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Judging by the packed house, ECCC's production of "High School Musical" last week appears to have been a smash. The show, produced by Dr. Phil Sutphin and directed by Joan Grimes, held two matinee and three night performances in the Vickers Auditorium on the college's campus in Decatur.

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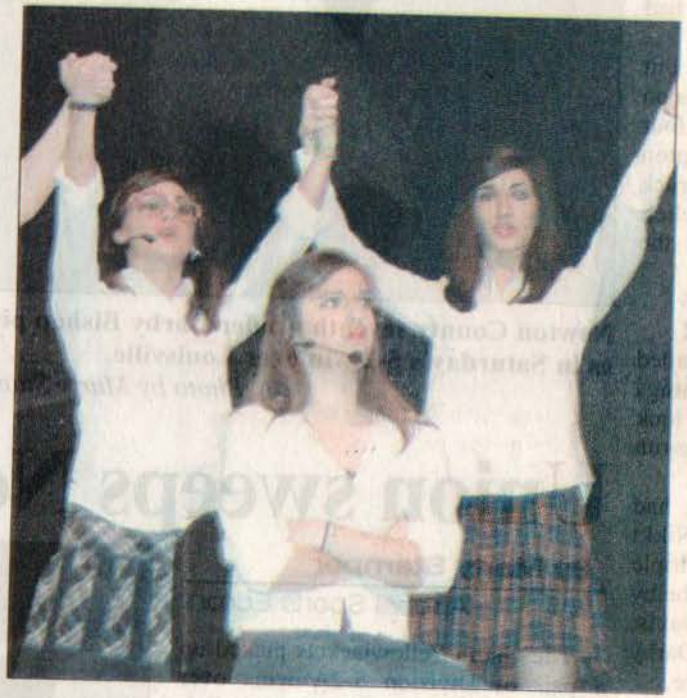
Drew Harrison, Jared Mullins and Zack Hutson

Holly Webb and Brandon Boulton



Monica Vincent, Casey Rowzee, Meredith McKee

Polly Vaughn, J'Markus Dubose

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East Central Community College freshman Sami Elkins of Lena lights a candle representing knowledge as part of the induction ceremony for new members of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Elkins, a 2009 Forest High School graduate, was among the approximately 113 students tapped for membership in the prestigious organization during the annual spring semester ceremony held Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

ECCC welcomes new Phi Theta Kappa members

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

New members of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, were recognized during the annual spring induction ceremony held Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, on the Decatur campus.

Tapped for the prestigious organization were 113 students who met membership requirements, which include a 3.5 grade point average earned as a full-time student along with an overall 3.5 GPA.

Amy A. Walgamott, Phi Theta Kappa Coordinator for the Mississippi/Louisiana Region, provided opening remarks and congratulated inductees on their academic success.

Theta Xi officers Kurt Simoneau (president) of Louin, Kyle Ethridge (vice president of scholarship) of Decatur, Jordan Gunn (vice president of fellowship) of Forest, Brandon Hughes (vice president of leadership) of Decatur, Abby McMillan (vice president of public relations) of Newton and Paul Sewell (vice president of service) of Leesburg, Ala., conducted the induction ceremony with supervision from Theta Xi advisers Kate Keenan Covich (speech instructor) and Curt Skipper (biology instructor).

New members of Theta Xi and their respective hometowns include: Lindsey Clair Bishop and Reaghan Nicole Mayes, both of Conehatta; Kiswana Dashaye Burnside, William Quinton Davis, Brittany LeeAnn Edwards and Karley Joanna Mitchell, all of Lake; Michael Ann Durham, Miranda Gail Edwards, Andrew Michael Lee Gibbs, Marissa Janae Gordy, Laura Elizabeth Gunn, Donna Varche Harper, Cody Ross Harrell, Serna Jo Jackson, Shaqunita Shantell Ickom, Jennifer Elizabeth Moore and Jarod Westley Yarbrough, all of Forest; Samantha Lynee Elkins and Kimberly Marie Patterson, both of Lena; Jennifer Marie Felton and Colby Eugene Harvey, both of Lawrence; Jordan Ashlee Harrell, Stella A. Jenkins and Kayla Rae Stevenson, all of Morton; and Andrianna Vasquez Salgaldo, Sebastopol.

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ECCC Players spring musical

The East Central Community College Players recently presented their spring musical selection, "High School Musical." Cast members and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) Ashley Amis, Newton County; Liz Withers, Neshoba Central; Monica Vincent, Newton County; Lindsey Bishop, Sebastopol; Adrienne McDill, Newton County; (second row, from left) Danielle Eiland, Louisville; Holly Webb, Forest; Kelsey Hill, Nanih Waiya; Jessie Harrison and Polly Vaughn, both of Newton County; Casey Rowzee, Newton County Academy; Drew Harrison, Newton County; Jared Mullins, Faith Christian School; Zack Hutson, McComb; J'Markus Dubose, Union; Cody Walters, Forest; and Carla Cook, Murrah; and (back row, from left) Brandy Talbert, Neshoba Central; Jennifer Moore, Forest; Lance Goodin, Nanih Waiya; D'Angelo Stribling, Neshoba Central; Brennan Graves, Choctaw Central; Josh Jarriel, Neshoba Central; Gunnar Gentry, Brandon Boulton and Celia Boggan, all of Newton County; Meredith McKee, Neshoba Central; Courtney Lanier, Newton County; and Tamara McPhail, Pelahatchie. Not pictured are Sami Elkins, Forest; Marissa Gordy, East Rankin Academy; Will Emmons, Lake; Colton Amis and Ryan Gillis, both of Newton County; Jesus Martinez and Ben Stewart, both of Grenada and Alejandro Chavez, New Albany. Joan Grimes served as director. (EC Photo)

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Centralette tryouts scheduled April 29

East Central Community College will hold tryouts for the Centralettes, the dance line for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band, at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 29 in the South Campus Gymnasium. A mandatory pre-tryout clinic will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 15. Only those auditioning may attend tryouts.

All Centralettes receive full-tuition scholarships. For more information, contact Thomas Carson, Director of Bands, at 601-635-6228. The e-mail address is tcarson@eccc.edu.

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Scholarship recipient

Christy Camp, left, of the Nevill community in Neshoba County, is a recent recipient of a nontraditional student tuition scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. Camp, a medical coding major, received the honor from Joe Killens, right, vice president for student services. Nontraditional student tuition scholarships are provided to students age 23 or older who meet the scholarship guidelines. For more information, contact Joe Killens in Student Service, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222.

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Neshoba FBLA students place in district competition

Congratulations to the following Neshoba Central High School students who placed at the Future Business Leaders of America District Competition at East Central Community College. They competed against 28 other schools with 550 students in attendance. They are, from left, fourth place, Mallory Johnson-Global Business; third place, Brittany Boatner–Marketing; third place, Heather Alford-Entrepreneurship; fourth place, Amy Fiegenschue-Global Business; second place, Brittney Coleman-Public Speaking I; second place, Denzel Clemmons-Intro to Business Communication; fourth place, Janera Triplett-Business Communication; first place, Leah Ferguson -FBLA Principles and Procedures; sixth place, Summer Spivey-Networking Concepts; sixth place, Kycia Carter-Computer Problem Solving; first place, Lane Taylor-Intro to Parliamentary Procedure; third place, Megan Allen-Entrepreneurship; fourth Place - Jorie Long-Global Business; first place, Mallory Madison-Future Business Leader; fourth place, Rachel Thomas-Word Processing II; third place, Emily Allen-Entrepreneurship; third place, Marlee Williams-Computer Applications; second place, Lucas Calvert-Business Calculations; fourth place, William Meruvia-Impromptu Speaking; fifth place , Colton Eakes - Economics; and second place, Sam Lovorn-Public Speaking II. They will be competing at FBLA State Competition in April. Neshoba Central FBLA Advisers are Lisa Greenwood and Raye Carol Eakes.

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Representing East Central Community College in Decatur at the annual Capitol Day activities held Feb. 18, 2010, in Jackson were (front, from left) sophomore Abby McMillan of Newton and freshman Monica Vincent of Decatur; (second row, from left) sophomores Kurt Simoneau of Louin, Quin Stokes of Carthage and Zach Gibbs of Forest; and (back row, from left) faculty members Marc McCool of Louisville, Kate Covich of Rose Hill and Christy Ferguson of Philadelphia; and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, who were joined in the photo by State Rep. Russ Nowell of Louisville. Sponsored by the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges, Capitol Day is held to bring attention to the funding needs of the state's community and junior colleges and to promote the colleges' ongoing Mississippi Values message. Gov. Haley Barbour, Lt. Gov. Phil Bryant, Dr. Eric Clark, executive director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges; and Rep. Kelvin Buck of Holly Springs, who serves as chairman of House Universities and Colleges Committee, and several community and junior college students were among speakers at the morning press conference, attended by approximately 200 community and junior college students and faculty.

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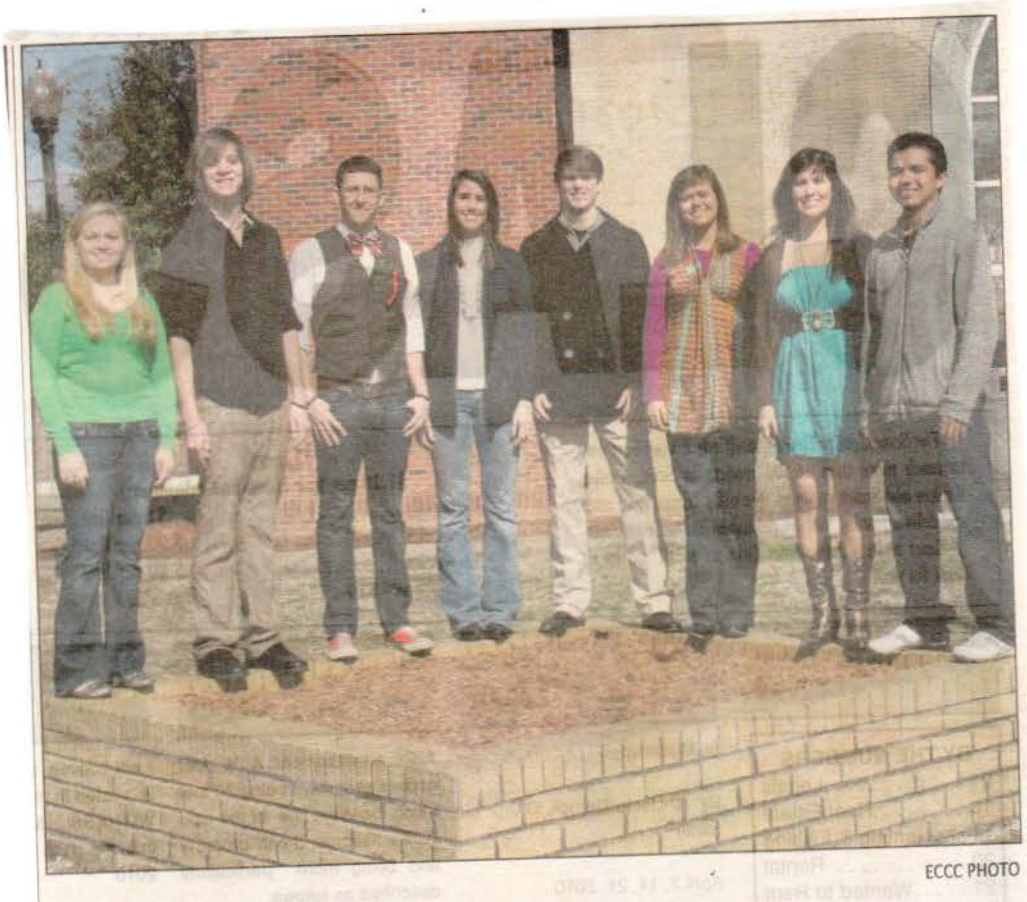

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EC SOPHOMORE CLASS FAVORITES

East Central Community College sophomore class favorites for 2009-10 and their respective high schools include (from left) Lacey Gilmore of Sebastopol, Lance Goodin of Louisville, Cody Walters of Forest, Kimberly Blackwell of Nanih Waiya, Jordan Gunn of Lake, Bailey Brown of Morton, Rachel Ramirez and Edgar Alvarez, both of Forest.

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EAST CENTRAL ASTRONOMY CLUB

Astronomy Club members for 2009-10 have been announced for East Central Community College in Decatur. The organization consists of students who promote observational astronomy, astrophotography, and related scientific research projects and will foster student fellowship through engaging cooperative activities. Members and their respective hometowns include: (front row, from left) Morgan Deweese and Lisa Tubby, both of Philadelphia; Ashley Simmons, Meridian; Candie Willis, Union; and Lacey Gilmore, Sebastopol; and (back row, from left) William Miles, club sponsor; J'Markus Dubose, Union; Aaron Snell, Lake; and Daniel Alexander, Union. Brandi Mathis of Philadelphia was not pictured. For more information about the Astronomy Club contact Miles at 601-635-6223 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, xt. 223.

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ECCC CENTRALETTES HONORED

These sophomore members of the East Central Community College Centralettes, the dance line for the Wall O' Sound Marching Band, were honored during Sophomore Appreciation Night activities held Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010, as the Lady Warriors and Warriors completed regular season competition against Jones County Junior College in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Honorees and their respective high schools include (from left) Savannah Smith, Newton County; Lauren Luke, Nanih Waiya; Allison Lowery (captain), Winston Academy; Jaqlene Robinson, Noxapater; Hannah Watkins, Sebastopol; Bailey Brown, East Rankin Academy; and Dentra Darden, Anna Fulton (captain) and Kimberly Blackwell, all of Nanih Waiya. The presentation was made by Nicole Hillman, Centralette coordinator/choreographer.

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Wooten's efforts highlighted by MaxPreps.com

Edinburg senior pitcher Mitchell Wooten was recently selected as the "Natioaal Performer" by MaxPreps.com, the premiere site for high school sports and statistics nationwide.

The East Central signee was chosen for the honor following a two-game stretch on the mound during which he struck out 20 Carthage Tigers and 21 Sebastopol Bobcats.

In addition, Wooten has also been selected to compete in the Diamond Crossroads All-Star Game this summer.

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ECCC's Fulton, Blackwell receive

East Central Community College sophomores Anna Fulton and Kimberly Blackwell, both of Louisville, were recently named to the 2010 All-Mississippi Academic Team, an annual program honoring scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in the state's two year colleges.

Fulton

Blackwell

The special program is coordinated by The Clarion-Ledger, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

The 55 honorees were recognized March 25, 2010, at the State Capitol by the Mississippi Legislature and guests of honor at a luncheon held at the Jackson Marriott. State Senator Terry C. Burton of Newton served as master of ceremonies.

Fulton is among 15 students statewide chosen on the All-Mississippi First Team and will receive a $1,000 scholarship to continue her education.

As a First Team member, Fulton will also compete for placement on the national All-USA Academic Team for Community Colleges, sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges.

The 20 students receiving All-USA First-Team recognition will be featured in the April 19 issue of USA Today and each will receive a $2,500 stipend.

Fulton was also recently chosen a 2010 Coca-Cola Gold Scholar and will receive a check for $1,500 to continue her education. Selection as a Coca-Cola Scholar is based on scores earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and administered by the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Recognition of this award will be made in the April 19 issue of USA Today.

Fulton, a President's List scholar with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, chose biological sciences as her program of study. Her career goal is to become a radiologist.

She is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Warrior Corps, Wesley Foundation, Astronomy Club and Baptist Student Union, where she serves as song leader and vocalist. She also serves as co-captain of the Centralettes, the dance line for the Wall O' Sound Marching Band.

In addition, she was chosen a sophomore homecoming maid, freshman class favorite, beauty and selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Her community involvement includes participation in Phi Theta

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Academic Honors

Kappa's Adopt-a-Highway Program and Operation Christmas Child.

She is an honor graduate of Nanih Waiya Attendance Center.

Her parents are Buddy and Robin Fulton of Louisville.

Blackwell was named to the All-Mississippi Academic Second Team, which includes 35 community/junior college students.

She is also a 2010 Cola-Cola National Finalist and will receive a check for $1,000 to continue her education.

Blackwell is a President's List scholar and has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Her major is pre-nursing.

She serves as sophomore class president and vice president for membership for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. She is also a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Warrior Corps, Baptist Student Union and ECCC Players.

In addition, Blackwell is a member of the Centralette dance line and participates in intramural sports. She served as a math and English tutor and participated and was a member of the Lady Warrior softball team and Fellowship of Christian Athletes her freshman year.

She is the first recipient of the Iris Boggan Medical Scholarship and received the ECCC Board of Trustees Scholarship.

She was selected a sophomore homecoming maid and named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Her community involvement includes participation in the Phi Theta Kappa Highway Clean-Up Project and Adopt-A-Child for Christmas Program, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Body Association. She also participated with other Baptist Student Union members in Operation Christmas Child in Atlanta and helped collect canned goods for Love's Kitchen in Meridian. In addition, she helped sponsor an ECCC student for BSU missions.

An honor graduate of Nanih Waiya Attendance Central, Blackwell is the daughter of Steve and Pam Blackwell of Louisville.

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Morton Students Participate in ECCC Senior Day

East Central Community College computer technology instructor Brenda Johnson (left) speaks with Morton High School seniors (second from left) Casey Bankston, Joshua Blackburn and Morgan Craig during the College's annual Senior Day activities held recently on the Decatur campus. Activities included an Information Showcase held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building featuring all campus clubs and organizations as well as information on academic, career, and technical programs. Also on tap for the day were performances by the Collegians rock-n-roll band, Ac'cents show choir and the Percussion Ensemble. The event concluded with lunch on the mall. For more information or to schedule a campus visit, contact Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services, at 601-635-6205. The e-mail address is jkillens@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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Newton High School seniors (from left) Justin Hawkins, Javotney McCune, Jordan Singleton and Jabarii Carr were among area students who attended East Central Community College's annual Senior Day activities held recently on the Decatur campus. They are shown with ECCC Tech Prep Career Center director/recruiter Ramonica Evans during an Information Showcase held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building featuring all campus clubs and organizations as well as information on academic, career, and technical programs. Also on tap were performances by the Collegians rock-n-roll band, Ac'cents show choir and the Percussion Ensemble. The event concluded with lunch on the mall. For more information or to schedule a campus visit, contact Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services, at 601-635-6205. The e-mail address is jkillens@eccc.edu <mailto:jkillens@eccc.edu> . (EC Photo)

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NHS- ECCC senior day

Noxapater Students Attend ECCC Senior Day

These Noxapater High School students were among area students participating in East Central Community College's annual Senior Day activities held recently on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) Shelby Payne, Alyse Webb, Hillary Hobby and Nicholas Johnson. Also shown is ECCC academic counselor Lanette Hanna. The day's activities included an Information Showcase in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building featuring all campus clubs and organizations as well as information on academic, career, and technical programs. Also on tap were performances by the Collegians rock-n-roll band, Ac'cents show choir and the Percussion Ensemble. The event concluded with lunch on the mall. For more information or to schedule a campus visit, contact Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services, at 601-635-6205. The e-mail address is jkillens@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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LHS- ECCC senior day

Louisville Seniors Attend ECCC Senior Day

These Louisville High School students were among area seniors participating in East Central Community College's annual Senior Day activities held recently on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) Jennifer Thomas, Katelyn Jordan, Justin Cain, Evan Humpries and Audrey Griffin. The day's activities included an Information Showcase in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building featuring all campus clubs and organizations as well as information on academic, career, and technical programs. Also on tap were performances by the Collegians rock-n-roll band, Ac'cents show choir and the Percussion Ensemble. The event concluded with lunch on the mall. For more information or to schedule a campus visit, contact Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services, at 601-635-6205. The e-mail address is jkillens@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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NWHS- ECCC senior day

Nanih Waiya Students Attend ECCC Senior Day

Nanih Waiya High School seniors (from left) John Kerry, Mackenzie Lee and Michael Stokes were among participants in East Central Community College's annual Senior Day festivities held recently on the Decatur campus. They are pictured with ECCC academic counselor Laneete Hanna. The day's activities included an Information Showcase in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building featuring all campus clubs and organizations as well as information on academic, career, and technical programs. Also on tap were performances by the Collegians rock-n-roll band, Ac'cents show choir and the Percussion Ensemble. The event concluded with lunch on the mall. For more information or to schedule a campus visit, contact Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services, at 601-635-6205. The e-mail address is jkillens@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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WA- ECCC senior day

Winston Academy Seniors Participate in ECCC Senior Day

These Winston Academy students were among area seniors participating in East Central Community College's annual Senior Day activities held recently on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) Brittany Burton, Madison Nowell, Channing Sanders, Grant Fulton, Ashley Arthur, Alex Thomas and Channing Bucklew. The day's activities included an Information Showcase in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building featuring all campus clubs and organizations as well as information on academic, career, and technical programs. Also on tap were performances by the Collegians rock-n-roll band, Ac'cents show choir and the Percussion Ensemble. The event concluded with lunch on the mall. For more information or to schedule a campus visit, contact Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services, at 601-635-6205. The e-mail address is jkillens@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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The East Central Community College Concert Choir, under the direction of Vicki Blaylock, will present their spring concert at 7 p.m. in Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium immediately following the presentation of art awards. Natalie Emmons and Len Bobo serve as accompanists.

Choir selections include "Fa Una Canzona" arranged by Robinson, "Afternoon on a Hill" with words by Edna St. Vincent Millay and music by Eric William Barnum, "Earth Song" by Tichell, "Hodie Christus Natus Est" by Hayes, "Sure on This Shining Night" by Lauridsen, "Coffee in a Cardboard Cup" arranged by Robison, Ames' "In Remembrance," which will feature Audrey Cannon on the French horn; "Selig sind die reines Herzens sind" by Voullaire, "The Awakening by Martin and "John the Revelator," arranged by Caldwell and Ivory.

Students displaying art include Brittany Bobo of Union, Kayla Cook of Carthage, Leslie Graham, Luis Hernandez, Cody Walters and Holly Webb, all of Forest; Ray Grant of Conehatta; Amber Harbour of Philadelphia, D.J. Harris of Sumrall, Adrienne McDill and Brittany Morrison, both of Newton; Anna Claire Peeples of Louisville and Jackie Pionan of Terupong International School in Malaysia.

Members of the concert choir include Anna Powell and Hank Benson, both of Philadelphia; Polly Vaughn, Ashley Amis, Monica Vincent, Brandon Boulton, Celia Boggan, Cameron Weaver, Cody Strait, Courtney Lanier, Tiffany Spence, Ayla Smith, Patrick Ezell, Tiffany Hennington, Cole Harris, Colton Amis, Ashley Dumas and Lane Fulton, all of Decatur; Elise Gibbs, Casey Rowzee, Melody Mann and Emily Pace, all of Newton; Jeri Lynn Crosby, Ronnie White, Kristen Everett, Laura Gunn, Jordan Gunn and Brittany Harrison, all of Forest; Audrey Cannon, Brandon; Corbin Jenkins, Jessica Cherry, James Latiker, D.J. Townsend, and Drew Johnston, all of Carthage; Brandon Hughes, J'Markus Dubose and Jordan Smith, all of Union; Jessy Harrison, Heather Hogue and Drew Harrison, all of Little

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Fine Arts Festival April 22

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Among the students displaying art, participants will include Leslie Graham, Luis Hernandez, Cody Walters and Holly Webb, all of Forest.

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SHS STUDENTS ATTEND ECCC SENIOR DAY

Sebastopol High School seniors (from left) Ashley Glaze, Lorenzo Patrick and Anna Leach were among area students who attended East Central Community College's annual Senior Day festivities held recently on the Decatur campus. Activities included an Information Showcase in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building featuring all campus clubs and organizations as well as information on academic, career, and technical programs. Also on tap were performances by the Collegians Rock-N-Roll band, Ac'cents show choir and the Percussion Ensemble. The event concluded with lunch at the mall. For more information or to schedule a campus visit, contact Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services, at 601-635-6205. The e-mail address is jkillens@eccc.edu.

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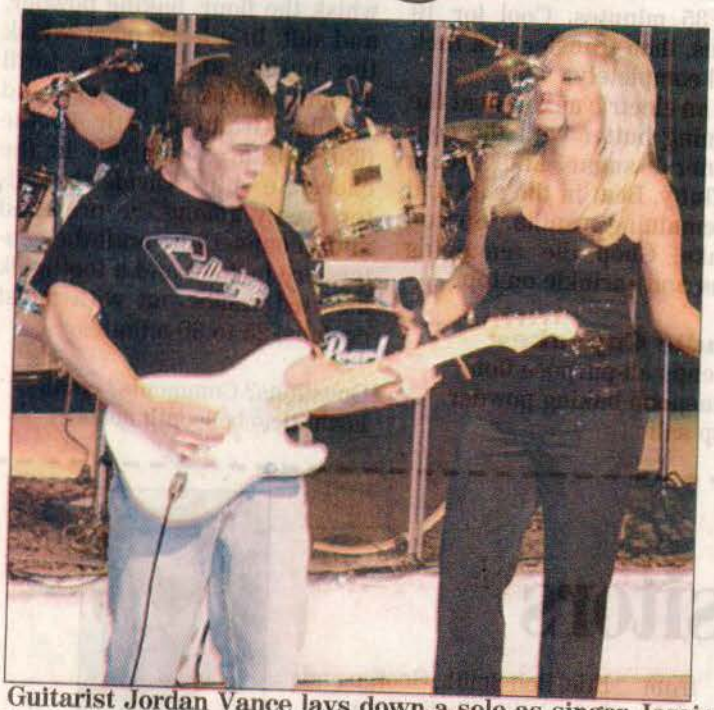
Collegians rock the house



Guitarist Jordan Vance lays down a solo as singer Jessie Harrison dances during a concert by the Collegians at ECCC April 12. The rock band, under the direction of Tom Carson, played a lively set of contemporary pop tunes and classic rock standards. photos by Bill Graham

Bobby Branning, mellophone and Ruby McCurdy, trumpet

Trumpeters Christina Gibbs and Graylon Foster

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Singer Courtney Gammill

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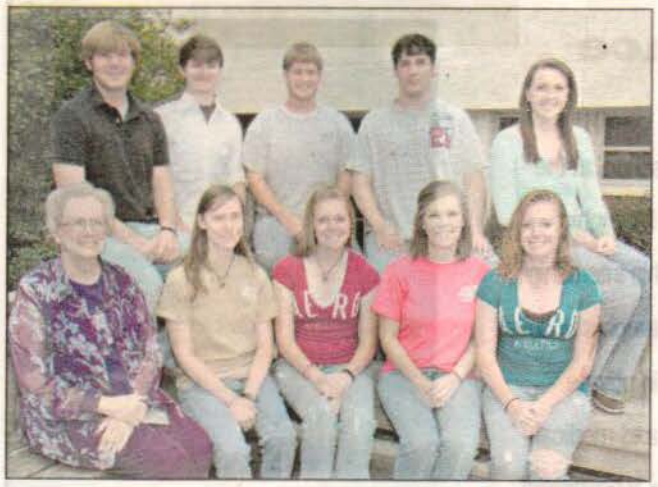

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ECCC MU ALPHA THETA

Mu Alpha Theta members for 2009-10 have been announced for East Central Community College in Decatur. The organization consists of students who are interested in the study of mathematics. Members and their respective hometowns include: (front row, from left) Sue Ford, sponsor; Anna Switzer, Meridian; Reaghan Mayes, Conehatta; Hannah Watkins, Union; and Meaghan Mayes, Conehatta and (back row, from left) Paul Sewell, secretary/treasurer, Cherokee County, Ala.; Kurt Simoneau, vice president, Louin; Jason Hancock, Decatur; Jason Watkins, Lake; and Chelsea Pugh, president, Hickory. For more information about Mu Alpha Theta contact Ford at 601-635-6302 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 302.

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FHS STUDENTS ATTEND ECCC SENIOR DAY

Forest High School seniors (from left) Alison Jimenez, Ruben Ruiz and Rosalia Hernandez talk with East Central Community College sophomore Cody Walters of Forest, treasurer of the Student Body Association, during the College's annual Senior Day activities held recently on the Decatur campus. The day's activities included an Information Showcase held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building and featuring all campus clubs and organizations as well as information on academic, career, and technical programs. Also on tap for the day were performances by the Collegians rock-n-roll band, Ac'cents show choir and the Percussion Ensemble. The event concluded with lunch at the mall. For more information or to schedule a campus visit, contact Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services, at 601-635-6205. The e-mail address is jkillens@eccc.edu.

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ECCC Student Newspaper Staff Receives State Awards

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Members of ECCC's newspaper staff display various awards presented at the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference held recently. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Gunnar Gentry of Decatur; Colby Harvey of Newton; Tyler Watkins of Forest and Gennie Phillips, adviser; and (back row, from left) Zachary Eaves of Louisville; and Daniel Alexander and J'Markus Dubose, both of Union.

East Central Community College's student newspaper, *The Tom-Tom*, was among the top student newspapers in the state recognized during the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference held recently. East Central students earned 12 awards in the Mississippi Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest in the Community and Junior College Division, including second place in the general excellence award, the top award granted for student newspapers in the community college division for the state. *The Tom-Tom* also received four first place, three additional second place and four third place awards in the competition.

In the Better Newspaper Competition, members of *The Tom-Tom* staff earned the following awards:

A first place finish for Shaun Cooper, a 2009 graduate of ECCC for Best Editorial, titled, "Students Should Do Their Part To Assist."

The Tom-Tom staff was also honored with first place plaques for Best Layout and Design, and Best Single and Miscellaneous Advertisements.

ECCC 2009 graduate Aaron Morrison of Newton received second place honors for Best General Interest Column, titled, "Where is God?"

Freshman Tara Martin of Forest was recognized with a second place award for Best Cartoon depicting Homecoming 2009.

The Tom-Tom staff also received second place honors for Miscellaneous Advertisement.

Sophomore Zachary Eaves of Louisville claimed a third place prize in the Best Feature Story Category, titled, "Harris Overcomes War Attack."

2009 ECCC graduate Samantha Kinard of Noxapater received a third place award for Best Sports Feature titled "Coach Smith Shares Rose Hobby."

Sophomores Denetra Darden of Louisville and Tiffany Lowery of Walnut Grove won third place honors for Best Investigative Package on texting while driving.

The Tom-Tom staff also won third place honors for Best Front Page Design.

The Tom-Tom is a student-led newspaper representative of the student body of East Central Community College in Decatur. The publication is advised by ECCC Publications Coordinator Gennie Phillips of Forest. Rachel Ramirez of Forest is the student editor of *The Tom-Tom*.

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EC freshman class favorites

Freshman class favorites for 2009-10 at East Central Community College in Decatur and their respective high schools, include (from left) Lindsey Bishop of Sebastopol, Zack Hutson of McComb, Bobby Thigpen of Forest, Brittany Parker of Decatur, Matt Griffin of Union, and Anna Alexander of Little Rock.

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Newton Community Healthcare, Inc. recently honored Ruth Round (center) of Newton with an endowed scholarship at East Central Community College. The announcement of the new scholarship was made at a reception held in February to recognize Round for her more than 22 years of volunteer service to the hospital in Newton. Pictured are: (from left) Stacey Hollingsworth, ECCC executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, Round and Tim Thomas, Director of Newton Community Healthcare, Inc. (EC PHOTO)

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ECCC Concert Choir, Ac'cents Auditions Schedule May 11

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ECCC graduation scheduled May 15 at Neshoba Coliseum

More than 450 students are scheduled to receive diplomas Saturday, May 15, 2010, when East Central Community College holds its 81st Commencement beginning at 11 a.m. in the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

Included in the total are those who completed degree requirements following the 2009 summer and fall terms, according to Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction.

Those participating in the program include graduating sophomores Austin Crouther of Union, who will give the invocation; Jordan Gunn of Forest, commencement speaker; and Hannah Lee of Philadelphia, benediction. Drew Harrison of Little Rock will present the musical selection "You Raise Me Up."

In the absence of College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Records and Research, will present candidates for graduation and Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction, will award degrees and certificates to the following:

CANDIDATES FOR MAY GRADUATION

ATTALA: Holly Kayli Tanner and Joseph Scott Tanner both of Ethel; Brittni Rachelle Cazier, Shemeka M. Funchess, Sherry A. Huie and Chasity Ann McAdams; all of Kosciusko; and Tim Patterson, McCool.

CHOCTAW: Jana Hunt, Weir.

WINSTON: Kimberly Jordan Blackwell, Nathan Speed Calvert, Stephen Clay Cockrell, Thomas Andrew Coleman, Phillip C. Curry, Matthew Dempsey, Kyle Reynolds Donald, Amelia Margaret Dunlap, Melissa Edwards, Anna Fulton, Linda Faye Gladney, Lance Alan Goodin, [illegible]

Marie Hamilton, Jason Scott Hill, Joshua Drew Holdiness, Kristy Holmes, Marcas Holmes, Felicia Marsha Hopkins, Eric Tanner Long, Ashton Sylvia Lowrey, Joseph Dale McNeill, Cody Keith Ming, Lori A. Mitchell, Jonathan Earl Nelson, Anna Claire Peeples, J.P. Phillips, James Tyler Robbins, Drew Thomas Smith, Lauren Suzanne Thornton, Lauren Suzanne Thornton, Trinelius Jamal Triplett, Jennifer Shaye Watts and James Marshall Wood, all of Louisville; Katelynn Ann Thomas, McCool; Jacob Drury, Kenny Drury, LaDisha Briana Moore and Jaqlene A. Robinson, all of Noxapater; and Paul Edwards, Sturgis.

AUGUST 2009 GRADUATES

ATTALA: Holly Kaylin Tanner, Ethel.

WINSTON: Melissa Cobb, Courtney Cravens, Jermaine Glass, Kenisha Q. Hardin, Caitlin Elizabeth Puckett and Jessica Williamson, all of Louisville; and Janika Moore, Noxapater.

Participating in ECCC's 81st commencement are graduating sophomores (pictured from left) Jordan Gunn of Forest; Hannah Lee of Philadelphia; Austin Crouther of Union,; and Drew Harrison.

2009 DECEMBER GRADUATES

WINSTON: Margaret Cravens, Derek L. Hopkins, Whitney Houston, Pamela Kristi Shaw and Sherry Delane Weeks, all of Louisville; and Heidi Dawn Barrier, Noxapater; and Attrice M. Cooley.

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ECCC Repair class

ECCC Small Engine Repair Class receives Certificates

An East Central Community College Small Engine Repair class, ideal for learning the theory of operation, carboration, ignition systems, and internal engine components, was recently completed at the East Central Community College Productivity Enhancement Lab located in the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center. Participants receiving certificates of completion, seated from left, are Ricky Reynolds of Louisville and James Sampson of Philadelphia; and standing from left, are Chester Whittle of Philadelphia, Tatum Morris of Conehatta, and Gary Sanford, instructor. Those who also completed the class but aren't pictured are Joseph Willis of Louisville and Terry Bell of Philadelphia. For more information on this class and others being offered, contact Chris Clark, ECCC Workforce Development Coordinator, Phone 601-635-6245 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 245; Blake Warren, Advanced Skills Trainer, Phone 601-389-0832; or visit www.eccc.edu/workforce <http://www.eccc.edu/workforce> .

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Newton Countians who will receive their degrees are:

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Kim Denise Amerson, Colton E. Amis, Keli Jo Barrett, Benton Cody Cotton, Sierra Croff, Ashley Dumas, Kyle Ethridge, Melissa McLendon Etie, Jason Robert Hancock, Joseph Kyle Killens, Tina McMullan, Jeremy Saucier, Jesse Savell, Jordan Vance, Anthony Thorne Williams and Robin R. Willis, all of Decatur;

Brittney Danielle Cochran, Tunisha Tyia Ellis, Chelsea Lee Pugh and Darius Micah Walker, all of Hickory;

Paul Evans and Melissa Ann Rowell, both of Lake; Junenette Roshele' Harris and Dustin Clark Weeks, both of Lawrence;

Aaron Bruce Agent, Andrew Kennith Harrison and Drew Wilson, all of Little Rock;

Brandon L. Barnett, Kevin Chapman, Shekia L. Davis, William Jamal Flowers, Elise Marie Gibbs, Elizabeth Nioka Gillis, Kimberly Lea Goodin, Jasmine Shawanda Grass, Cedric Harris, Kristen Paige Jones, Antogonie Des'Niek Leverette, Craig A. Lovell, Adrienne Elizabeth McDill, Abby Marie McMillan, Emily Pace, Randy , Robinson, Stephanie Lorraine Evans Robinson, Casey Rowzee, Edward A. Skinner, Donna Jo Strickland, Joshua Edward Talbert, Lesley Josalind Sarita Thompson, Hailey Walker, Kanisha Warnsley, DeAnna L. Whitehead, Anna Victoria Williams and Lisa L. Windham, all of Newton;

and James M. Cassel II, Jeni Collins, Robin E. Crapps, Austin L. Crouther, Thomas Otha Kennedy and Krystle Elyse Wolverton, all of Union.

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auditions set May 11

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ECCC receive honors

ECCC students receiving State SkillsUSA Honors

These East Central Community College career-technical students received various awards at the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championship held April 14-15, 2010, at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston. Winning first-place honors in their respective categories and qualifying for national competition are (seated from left) Hannah Watkins (architectural drafting) and Eddie Fondren (technical drafting), both of Union; Richard Adams (commercial baking), Philadelphia; Kristie Robinson (promotional bulletin board), Forest; and Crystal Tucker (promotional bulletin board), Meridian. Placing second in their respective categories were (second row, from left) Cody Buckley (residential wiring), Forest; Shelby Shelley (CNC Milling Technology), Sebastopol; Lindsay Bozeman (CNC Turning Technology), Philadelphia; Tim Patterson (precision machine technology), McCool; Cody Mason (cabinetmaking), Union; and Angela Melton (prepared speech), Hickory. Third-place winners included (back row, from left) Josh Taylor (welding), Forest; Trent Hill (collision repair technology), Philadelphia; Shonda Johnson (job interview), Newton; and Opening and Closing team members Danielle Shoemaker, Decatur; Amy Johnson and Carrie Stokes, both of Philadelphia; Megan Carlisle, Gilbertown, Ala.; Maree Kidd, Newton; Raquel Simmons, Philadelphia; and Chelsey Boatner, Louisville. Not pictured is Austin Mather of Decatur, a third-place winner in automotive service technology. The National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference will be held June 21-25, 2010, in Kansas City, Missouri.

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ECCC Champs

ECCC Intramural Softball Champions

"The Repeat" captured top honors in the annual intramural softball championship held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling from left) Daniel Moody, Justin Sturdivant and Austen Lewis, all of Carthage; Tyler Laird, Little Rock; and George Sciple, Philadelphia; and (standing from left) Tanner Long, Nanih Waiya; Matthew Malone, Matt Wilbanks, Garner Brooks and Brandon Busby, all of Carthage; and Tyler Moffitt, Louisville. ECCC softball coach Scott Hill serves as director of intramurals. (EC Photo)

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ECCC runners-up

ECCC Intramural Softball Runners-Up

"Fred's Team" placed second in the annual intramural softball championship held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling from left) Demarcus Coleman, Louisville; Rod Martin, Meridian; TL Lyles, Waldorf, Maryland; Miley Miller, Mike Lowery, Tweety Coleman and Biggen Williams, all of Louisville; and (standing from left) James Ficklin, Goodhope; C. J. Tatum, Louisville; Cash Brown, Hickory; Vont Goss, Fred Hampton, Brandon Hendrix and Mario Ike, all of Louisville; Reggie Davis, Decatur; and Anthony Tatum, Louisville. ECCC head softball coach Scott Hill serves as director of intramurals. (EC Photo)

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East Central

Spring graduation scheduled May 15 at Neshoba Coliseum

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More than 450 students are scheduled to receive diplomas Saturday, May 15, 2010, when East Central Community College holds its 81st Commencement beginning at 11 a.m. in the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

Included in the total are those who completed degree requirements following the 2009 summer and fall terms, according to Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for Instruction.

Those participating in the program include graduating sophomores Austin Crouther of Union, who will give the invocation; Jordan Gunn of Forest, commencement speaker; and Hannah Lee of Philadelphia, benediction. Drew Harrison of Little Rock will present the musical selection "You Raise Me Up."

In the absence of College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, Donna Luke, director of Admissions, Records and Research, will present candidates for graduation and Sparkman will award degrees and certificates to the following:

May 2010 graduates

• ATTALA: Holly Kayli Tanner and Joseph Scott Tanner both of Ethel; Brittni Rachelle Cazier, Shemeka M. Funchess, Sherry A. Huie and Chasity Ann McAdams; all of Kosciusko; and Tim Patterson, McCool.

• CHOCTAW: Jana Hunt, Weir.

• CLARKE: Zackary D. Cates, Enterprise; Carnell Gray, Quitman; and Rashad Horne, Shubuta.

• HARRISON: Rachel Oatman, Saucier.

• HINDS: Keisha Greer, Clinton.

• JASPER: Carma Nailine Keyes, Kayla LaDenna Nixon, all of Bay Springs; Keysa Marie Hales and Gwendolyn LaTrelle Moffett McGill, both of Heidelberg; Kurtis Daniel Simoneau and Santanna Alese Wilson, both of Louin; and Corey A. Bramlett, Courtney A. Bramlett and Jeremy Robert Rogers, all of Rose Hill.

• KEMPER: Sherry Lynn Clemons, Janis E. Harris, Lauren Marie Luke and Hailey Moody, all of Preston.

• LAMAR: Tiffany Morquiesa Houston, Purvis.

• LAUDERDALE: Brandon Alexander Galistel, Cachita Shanta Huggins and Cassandra Dove Landrum, all of Marion; and Antonio L. Grace, Laura Renea Hardy, Lucy Hughes-Moore, Rhonda Lard Camala, Rosha Palmer Stetson, Shane Rickles, Anna L. Switzer and Michelle Wilson, all of Meridian.

• LEAKE: Amelia Katherine Burnside, Deborah Coleman, Gwendolyn Burkett Crumbley, Vickie Renae Daniel, Amanda R. Griffith, James Cory Harkins, Casey Wayne Henderson, Tiffany Shalice Henson, Conner David Herrington, April J. Hogue, Monica Leann James, Corbin Jenkins, Holley Nicole Lindsay, Emily Laine Malone, James William McBeth, LaKecia Ann McQueen, Cody A. Mullen, Erin Odom, Tywana Jones Peavy, Constance Diane Savell, Whitney Blake Thompson and Linda Watkins, all of Carthage; Brandy Greer, Allen Braxton Johnson and Shannon Dee Moss, all of Lena; Jaclyn E. Wright, Louisville; John Weston Thomas, Madden; and Daniel Bankston, Miriah E. Barney, Paula Jean Covarrubias, Melissa Ellis, Lee Ann Lowery, Justin Randall McNeill, LaQuindric Stokes and James Zachary Wright, all of Walnut Grove.

• LEE: Jared Bret Hayden Mullins, Tupelo.

• NESHOBA: Carrie Ann Alexander and William Alex Hamilton, both of Carthage; Ramon V. Agurrie Sr., Choctaw; Briana Alane Bell, Chrissa C. Bennett, LaKeshia Boyd, Stacy Svihla Brantley, Emily Elizabeth Breland, Austin Gray Buchanan, Griffin Allen Burk, Kyle M. Chandler, Hailey Renyta Chisolm, Danielle Marshea Cole, Hope Nelson Cole, Wendy Cumberland, Dustin L. Davis, Morgan Elizabeth Deweese, Andrew Dees Dowdy, Ashley N. Dunn, Alanna Katelyn Fairchild, Brittany Shea Fedrick, Kristy Michelle Frazier, Colton Fulton, Kyle Grainger, Angela J. Gray, Charles Hamilton, Kevin Allen Hancock II, Charlene Hickmon, Jon Michael Hillman, Erica Lane Jenkins, Joshua Jenkins, Duran Joe, Eric Kyle Jones, Brandi Kennedy, Jessica Lynn Kilpatrick, Debbie Lynn Lawrence-Vowell, Hannah Marie Lee, Kindrick D. Lyon, Jordan Leigh McMichael, Dava Denise B. Meely, Alana D. Moore, LaKecia L. Moore, Morgan M. Moore, Paula Renee Nash, Valerie Nicholson, Anna Marie Powell, Elizabeth Jean Powell, Nathan Scott Rowell, Rachel Parker Rush, Heather M. Schwebel, Sable O'Hara Smith, William Cody Stepp, Dallis John Steve Jr., Tara Nichols Stribling, Laynett Triplett, Deidre Estelline Tubby, Lisa Maria Tubby, Joey R. Turner, Kevin Vaughn, Summer Paige Warren, Cassandra White, Thomas H. White, Stuart Jordan Willis, and Maxcine Young, all of Philadelphia.

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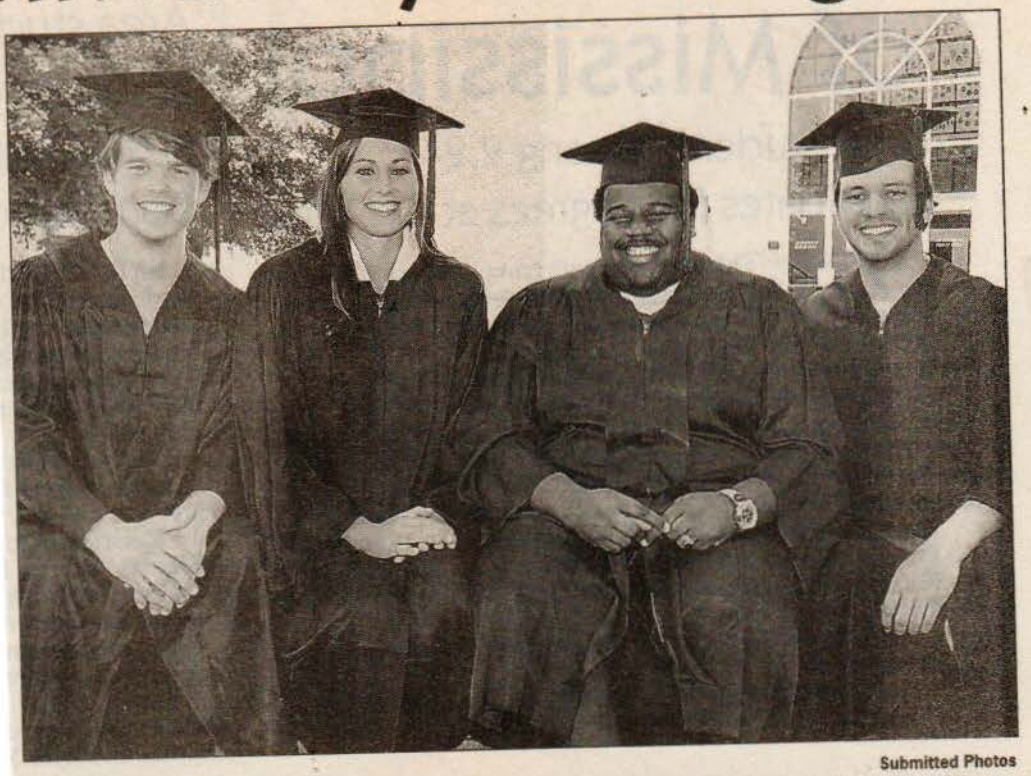

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Participating in East Central Community College's 81st commencement are graduating sophomores, from left, Jordan Gunn of Forest, commencement speaker; Hannah Lee of Philadelphia, benediction; Austin Crouther of Union, invocation; and Drew Harrison, who will present the vocal music selection "You Raise Me Up." They are among more than 450 students who are scheduled to receive diplomas beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 15, 2010, in the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

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tany Cooper Black, Lindsay Marie Bozeman, Jennifer Ra'nee Bullard, Lacey Anne Gilmore, Patrick Coy Griffin, Kelsie Herrington, Brandon E. Kennedy, Amy R. Plaisance, Gloria Mason, Rushing Mamie Shannon, Jordan T. Smith, Leanna Jane Smith, Amanda Leigh Spears, Lindsey Joyce Stuart, Courtney Taylor Nicole Thames, Kurt Tolbert, Jesse Johnson Vance, Hannah C. Watkins, Leah V. Williams and Mandy Wilson, all of Union.

• NEWTON: Max Morgan Anderson, Kristina Marlene Bell, Wendy Cater, Alline Finley, Angie R. Massey, Meaghan Marie Mayes and Reaghan Mayes, all of Conehatta; Kim Denise Amerson, Colton E. Amis, Keli Jo Barrett, Benton Cody Cotton, Sierra Croff, Ashley Dumas, Kyle Ethridge, Melissa McLendon Etie, Jason Robert Hancock, Joseph Kyle Killens, Tina McMullan, Jeremy Saucier, Jesse Savell, Jordan Vance, Anthony Thorne Williams and Robin R. Willis, all of Decatur; Brittney Danielle Cochran, Tunisha Tyia Ellis, Chelsea Lee Pugh and Darius Micah Walker, all of Hickory; Paul Evans and Melissa Ann Rowell, both of Lake; Junenette Roshele' Harris and Dustin Clark Weeks, both of Lawrence; Aaron Bruce Agent, Andrew Kennith Harrison and Drew Wilson, all of Little Rock; Brandon L. Barnett, Kevin Chapman, Shekia L. Davis, William Jamal Flowers, Elise Marie Gibbs, Elizabeth Nioka Gillis, Kimberly Lea Goodin, Jasmine Shawanda Grass, Cedric Harris, Kristen Paige Jones, Antogonie Des'Niek Leverette, Craig A. Lovell, Adrienne Elizabeth McDill, Abby Marie McMillan, Emily Pace, Randy Robinson, Stephanie Lorraine Evans Robinson, Casey Rowzee, Edward A. Skinner, Donna Jo Strickland, Joshua Edward Talbert, Lesley Josalind Sarita Thompson, Hailey Walker, Kanisha Warnsley, DeAnna L. Whitehead, Anna Victoria Williams and Lisa L. Windham, all of Newton; and James M. Cassel II, Jeni Collins, Robin E. Crapps, French, Marshall D. Jones, Yolanda Jones, Aaron Craft Snell and Jamey Taylor, all of Lake; Bailey Allyn Brown, Brittany Frances Cameron, Lesley G. Porter, Kimberly Traxler and Sammy L. Watson, all of Morton; and Tara Rose Gilmer, Sebastopol.

• SIMPSON: Michael Hampton, Magee.

• SMITH: Mindy Ann Carr, Forest; Angie Margaret Williamson, Lawrence; and Stacy Alane Henderson, Pulaski.

• WINSTON: Kimberly Jordan Blackwell, Nathan Speed Calvert, Stephen Clay Cockrell, Thomas Andrew Coleman, Phillip C. Curry, Matthew Dempsey, Kyle Reynolds Donald, Amelia Margaret Dunlap, Melissa Edwards, Anna Fulton, Linda Faye Gladney, Lance Alan Goodin, Shannon H. Gregory, Jeffery William Grimshel, Bonnie Kathryn Hailey, Jessica Marie Hamilton, Jason Scott Hill, Joshua Drew Holdiness, Kristy Holmes, Marcas Holmes, Felicia Marsha Hopkins, Eric Tanner Long, Ashton Sylvia Lowrey, Joseph Dale McNeill, Cody Keith Ming, Lori A. Mitchell, Jonathan Earl Nelson, Anna Claire Peeples, J.P. Phillips, James Tyler Robbins, Drew Thomas Smith, Lauren Suzanne Thornton, Lauren Suzanne Thornton, Trinelius Jamal Triplett, Jennifer Shaye Watts and James Marshall Wood, all of Louisville; Katelynn Ann Thomas, McCool; Jacob Drury, Kenny Drury, LaDisha Briana Moore and Jaqlene A. Robinson, all of Noxapater; and Paul Edwards, Sturgis.

• ALABAMA: Paul Wayne Sewell, Leesburg; and Barry Lee Meeks, Sweet Water.

• IDAHO: Sarah Christina Costello, Boise.

Audriann Thomas; all of Conehatta; Brittany Hope Brown, Tina McMullan and Kristen Pillsbury, all of Decatur; Diane Marie Berthelette, Forest; Ashton Acord, JC Diaz and Raven Nicole Hardy, all of Hickory; Tony Carlyle Lewis and Madison Michelle Parker, both of Lawrence; Jeremy Royce Clearman, Little Rock; Shaneka Blaylock, Amber Lynn Collins, Anthony A. Johnson, Dominique L. McKee, Kendrick D. Moore and Victoria Shulania Moore; all of Newton; and Jessica Pinson and Quadarius Wallace; both of Union.

• NOXUBEE: Jarred Fleming, Macon.

• RANKIN: Nini Qynette Haynes, Pearl.

• SCOTT: Nicole Chambers, Emmeral K. McLaurin, Courtney K. Patrick, Jessica Shea Smith, Timothy J. Tucker Jr., Kimberly Wareing and Dequita Tewanda Williams; all of Forest; Kaitlin Paige Mixon and Bethany Danielle Taylor, both of Lake; and Amber Ivy, Matthew G. McCurdy and Sethe Rogers, all of Morton.

• WINSTON: Melissa Cobb, Courtney Cravens, Jermaine Glass, Kenisha Q. Hardin, Caitlin Elizabeth Puckett and Jessica Williamson, all of Louisville; and Janika Moore, Noxapater.

• ALABAMA: Caylem Estelle, Sylacauga.

• GEORGIA: Emmanuel Taylor, Blakely; and Courtney Buckley, Jonesboro.

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May 2010 graduates

• RANKIN: Andrew Perkins, Brandon.

• SCOTT: Shelby Shelley, Conehatta; Kristi L. Bell, Teddy Mercedes Bloodsaw, Eric Boone, Jessica Monique Brown, Cody R. Buckley, Bridget Denise Burkes, Brandi L. Chambers, Justin Earl Collins, Thomas Richard Davis, Miranda Gail Edwards, Zachary Samuel Gibbs, Jordan Matthew Gunn, Donna Varche' Harper, Randall Stafauwn Hudson, Brittany Jennings, Candise Renee Johnson, Adam Corey McLemore, Chania Lizzette Mickiel, Erica Darnesia Moore, Audrey C. Neal, Janet Jalessa Patrick, Keiundria Shunte Patrick, Krista Ann Phillips, Veronica N. Robinson, Lindsey Deanna Sanders, Jennifer Shannon, Angela Slack, Joshua Ryan Taylor, Rochelsey Symone' Thomas, Krista Alicia Thrash and Cody Walters, all of Forest; Mary Alli

August 2009 graduates

• ATTALA: Holly Kaylin Tanner, Ethel.

• BOLIVAR: Kendria Sherron Lanney, Shaw.

• FORREST: Jeremy Dillon, Hattiesburg.

• JASPER: Eden Bender, Bay Springs; and Mark Andrew Ishee Jr., Louin.

• JONES: Mecklin D. Soules, Heidelberg.

• KEMPER: Kayetta W. Grace, DeKalb.

• LAUDERDALE: LeDerrick Alford, Chambre' La'Sheya Bolton, John Brandon Brown, Webb Compton, Veronica Newell and Takeila S. Stephens, all of Meridian.

• LEAKE: Cristen Sha-Lane Nash, Carthage; and Apryl Leah White, Lena.

• NESHOBA: Michael A. Willis, Carthage; Clifton Yogi Willis, Choctaw; Kandace Smith, Collinsville; Debra Clemons, Jonathan Andrew Crabtree, Emily James, Matthew Brent Kilpatrick, Fallon Lynn Mattar, Whitney Nance, Mark A. Pankratz, Austin Pullin, Marsha Reed, Jill Dansby Rushing, Crystal Gail Watkins, Sara Elizabeth Williams and Clay James Winstead; all of Philadelphia; and Kriston Brooke Barrett, Melissa L. Kleinschmidt, Magan Lancaster, Sha'Nequa Symone Pinkston, Derek Shannon and Tensie R. Spence, all of Union

• NEWTON: Tia Marie Anderson, Amanda Lee Graham, Ann M. Jim and

2009 December graduates

• KEMPER: Chrystal Wilkins, Preston.

• LAUDERDALE: Angela Michelle Holliday Dean, Courtney Shyniece Dubose, Harry J. Hickmon, Jason L. Morris, Joshua Paul West and Schanda L.R. Wilson, all of Meridian.

• LEAKE: Cheyenne Gross, Whitnee McMichael and Joshua Paul Quick, all of Carthage; and Donnie Ray Files, Sylvia J. Graves and Chad O'Connell Rhinewalt, all of Lena.

• MADISON: Terry L. Lightheart, Canton.

• NESHOBA: Tonya Renee Files, Lena; and Jessie Critz, John Daniel Haggard and Jason C. Murray, all of Philadelphia.

• NEWTON: Reva S. Coate, Chunky; Mark Anthony Engram Sr. and Michelle Ann Way, both of Conehatta; Dustin Wayne Evans, Robert Dustin Reed and Robert H. Richardson, all of Decatur; Chris Morgan, Lawrence; and Antwon L. Chapman and Shauntavien Currie, both of Newton.

• OKTIBBEHA: Olivia Lauren Scott, Starkville.

• SCOTT: Tremayne Bowie, Carmen Braddy, Brad Ellis, Brittany Roshae Gray, Kamisha Vatoya Patrick, Matthias Sharpe and Amanda Warren; all of Forest; and Kathy Smith Sanders; Lake.

• WINSTON: Margaret Cravens, Derek L. Hopkins, Whitney Houston, Pamela Kristi Shaw and Sherry Delane Weeks, all of Louisville; and Heidi Dawn Barrier, Noxapater; and Attrice M. Cooley, Philadephia.

• TEXAS: Yolanda Roshall Johnson, Fort Hood.

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ECCC girls crowned in Region 23

"I'm just speechless," remarked East Central Community College head softball coach Scott Hill following his team's 7-1 victory over Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Saturday, May 8 for the program's first Region 23 championship.

Hill, after gathering his thoughts following the historic victory at Traceway Park in Clinton, praised his team for the historic accomplishment.

"This is not only a team with a lot of talent...it's a team with even more character," said the seventh-year head coach whose squad finished runner-up in the MACJC State Tournament held the previous week."I am very proud of each and every player."

Hill's thoughts quickly turned to the NJCAA Division II Softball Championship, where his Lady Diamond Warriors will carry a 44-9-1 record to the prestigious event, scheduled May 20-22 in Normal, Illinois.

"It means a lot to this program and the College to be able to go on and continue playing at the nationals," Hill said. "It's just a great accomplishment for our players."

It was a slow start for the EC offense in the title game against Gulf Coast, the same team the Lady Diamond Warriors defeated 3-1 a day earlier in the semi-finals of the three-

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day, double-elimination event.

After the Lady Bulldogs went up 1-0 on a home run in the top of the third inning, EC grabbed the lead for good in the bottom of the fourth on Hannah Lee's bases-loaded single that scored two Lady Diamond Warriors for a 2-1 advantage. EC led 3-1 after the fourth frame.

East Central tallied four more runs in the sixth inning, following six-straight singles by Lady Warrior batters.

Lee, a Leake Academy product from Philadelphia, also belted a double and had two RBIs to lead the offense.

Contributing two singles each were Kasie Buckley, Summer Alexander and Brittany Cochran.

Bailey went the distance for her third-straight win in the regional tournament.

The semi-final battle against Gulf Coast stayed scoreless until the fifth inning when EC pushed one run across home plate for a 1-0 lead.

The Lady Diamond Warriors added two runs in the sixth. Gulf Coast scored its only run in the top of the seventh on a home run. Lee was credited with an RBI.

Bailey got the win on the mound, allowing one run on five hits.

East Central began tournament action by rallying for a 4-3 victory over top-ranked Louisiana State University at Eunice.

Lady Diamond Warriors, ranked 13th prior to competition, trailed 3-0 until the sixth inning when four runs crossed the plate, and EC and held on for the upset win.

Bailey got the win, allowing three runs on eight hits. She also fanned four batters.

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WEEK OF May 10, 2010

ECCC Hall of Fame, additional

Recipients of Hall of Fame and other honors were recognized during the annual Awards Day program held May 6, 2010, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Selection to the Hall of Fame is considered the highest honor a student can receive at the College, according to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president, who presented the awards.

"To be considered for the prestigious honor," Dr. Sutphin said, "students must demonstrate exemplary character, superior scholarship, worthy leadership and contribute to the betterment of East Central Community College."

Hall of Fame inductees for 2009-10 include Kimberly Blackwell and Anna Fulton, both of Louisville; Lacey Gilmore of Sebastopol, Hannah Lee of Philadelphia, Abby McMillan of Newton and Jordan Gunn of Forest.

Kimberly Blackwell

Blackwell, a graduate of Nanih Waiya Attendance Center, is the daughter of Steve and Pam Blackwell of Louisville.

A President's List scholar, Blackwell was selected to the 2010 All-Mississippi Academic Team, an annual program honoring scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in the state's two year colleges. She was named to the All-Mississippi Academic Second Team, which includes 35 community/junior college students. Blackwell was chosen to Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges and was selected sophomore homecoming maid.

Blackwell is also a 2010 Cola-Cola National Finalist and will receive a check for $1,000 to continue her education. She is the first recipient of the Iris Boggan Medical Scholarship and a recipient of the ECCC Board of Trustees Scholarship.

number of ECCC activities."

Anna Fulton

Fulton is a graduate of Nanih Waiya Attendance Center and the daughter of Buddy and Robin Fulton of Louisville.

A President's List scholar, she was selected to the 2010 All-Mississippi Academic Team, an annual program honoring scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in the state's two year colleges. She was among 15 students statewide chosen on the All-Mississippi First Team and will receive a $1,000 scholarship to continue her education.

Fulton is a 2010 Coca-Cola Gold Scholar and will receive a check for $1,500 to continue her education. Selection as a Coca-Cola Scholar is based on scores earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and administered by the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Fulton was also selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges, sophomore homecoming maid, freshman class favorite and a beauty in the ECCC Beauty Pageant and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

She is a member of the Centralettes, serving as co-captain; Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Warrior Corps, Baptist Student Union, serving as a worship leader and singer; Wesley Foundation and Astronomy Club.

One of those nominating her wrote, "Anna is a very intelligent, highly motivated young lady who exhibits a tremendous work ethic. She exhibits the highest moral character, very strong leadership skills, and she is also a person of great integrity. Anna also exhibits excellent time management skills as she is involved in many very diverse ECCC activities. Anna is an exemplary student."

softball teams, a member of the Student Body Association where she serves as Sophomore Class President; Warrior Corps, President's Council, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

One of those nominating her wrote, "Hannah is an outstanding student athlete who has maintained excellent grades while also being a two-sport athlete. She is the ideal student: one who excels in the classroom and athletics; is involved in various campus activities; is respected as a campus leader; enjoys being a student here as demonstrated by her positive and pleasing attitude; and is a positive influence to other students."

Additional honors presented during Awards Day include the following:

Career award recipients include Craig Lovell of Newton, cabinetmaking; Jesse Savell of Decatur, carpentry; Carrie Stokes of Philadelphia, cosmetology; Dustin Weeks of Lawrence, welding "Taylor Cup;" Joshua Taylor of Forest, cutting "Taylor Cup;" and Dustin Clark of Lawrence, "Career Student of the Year."

Technical awards were presented to Dustin Davis of Philadelphia and Kurt Tolbert of Union, collision repair; Austin Mather of Decatur, automotive technology; Tunisha Ellis of Hickory, early childhood education; Paula Covarrubias of Walnut Grove, computer technology; Jesse Johnson Vance of Union, electrical; Joseph Scott Tanner of Ethel, electronics; Chris Rhodes of Pulaski, heating and air conditioning; Ramon Agurrie of Choctaw, hotel and restaurant management; Tim Patterson of McCool, machine shop; Thomas White of Philadelphia, network support; and Hannah Watkins of Sebastopol, "Technical Student of the Year."

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award winners recognized

East Central Community College recently announced inductees to the 2010 Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at the College. They include (seated, from left) Anna Fulton of Louisville, Abby McMillan of Newton and Lacey Gillmore of Sebastopol; and (standing, from left) Kimberly Blackwell of Louisville, Jordan Gunn of Forest and Hannah Lee of Philadelphia. The honorees were announced during Awards Day activities held May 6 in Huff Auditorium. Their photos will hang in the Hall of Fame Collection.

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Blackwell is a member of the Student Body Association serving as Sophomore Vice President; Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, where she serves as Vice President of Membership; Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, Warrior Corps, Centralettes, Baptist Student Union and ECCC Players. She was a member of the Lady Warrior softball team and Fellowship of Christian Athletes her freshman year.

One of those nominating her wrote, "Kimberly is an excellent student. She is highly motivated, exhibits excellent time-management skills, and is extremely involved in a

Hannah Lee

Lee is a graduate of Leake Academy and the daughter of Jeff and Tammy Lee of Philadelphia.

A President's List scholar, she was selected to the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Miss ECCC, 2009-10 Homecoming Maid of Honor, 2009 Beauty and Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges.

She is the recipient of several scholarships, including the Lucille Wood, Miss Neshoba County, basketball and softball scholarships. She received the 2008-09 Basketball Hustle and Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry awards.

Lee is co-captain of the Lady Warrior basketball and

Recipients of healthcare education awards included Robin Willis of Decatur, Associate Degree Nursing Outstanding Achievement; Frankie Sullivan of Louisville, practical nursing; and Raymond Schendel of Gilbertown, Ala., paramedic technology.

Those receiving special awards were Austin Crouther of Decatur, citizenship; Kiswana Burnside of Lake, Ann H. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa; Antonio Grace of Newton, Anthony Coleman Men's Basketball; Daniel Bankston of Walnut Grove, Alford J. Deaton Physics; Cody Strait of Hickory, ECCC Concert Choir; Cody Cotten of Decatur, EC Environmental Club; Shelton Banks of Lena, Ronnie White of Forest and Darius Walker of Hickory, ECCC Gospel Choir; Drew Harrison of Little Rock, Casey Rowzee of Newton, Jared Mullins of Tupelo, Colton Amis of Decatur, J'Markus Dubose of Union and Cody Walters and Holly Webb, both of Forest, ECCC Players; Jordan Gunn of Forest, Richard Fisher Organic Chemistry; Celia Boggan of Decatur, Kappa Kappa Iota; Jeremy Pilgrim of Carthage, S. Lebrun Hutchison Award; Meredith Jones of Louisville, freshman mathematics award; Aaron Snell of Lake, sophomore mathematics award; Casey Shoemaker of Decatur, Kim Amerson and Kimberly Goodin, both of Newton and Emily Malone of Carthage, all recipients of the Mississippi Business Educators Association awards; Anna Alexander of Little Rock, Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership; Ariel Doggett of Carthage, Myrtle R. Hutchison Elementary Education Award; Courtney Lanier of Decatur, Alyne Simmons Recruitment Grant; Nathan Rowell and Alanna Fairchild, both of Philadelphia, Roy Pete Awards for Soccer; Chelsea Pugh of Hickory, Secondary Education; Rachel Ramirez of Forest, The Tom-Tom student newspaper award; Abbie Joiner of Philadelphia, Lucille Wood Scholarship.

Alumni Memorial Awards were presented to Hannah Lee of Philadelphia and Abby McMillan of Newton, Walter Arno Vincent Award for Acad

Wayne Baucum Secondary Education; Stewart Frey of Louisville, Opan McMullan Dickerson Elementary Education; Kyle Ethridge of Decatur, Alatha Chaney English; Anna Switzer of Meridian, W.A. Coursey Jr. Engineering; Daniel Bankston of Walnut Grove, Danny Ray Killens Engineering; Wanoka Thomas of Philadelphia, Sara Carr Deaton Business Technology; Sidney Williams of Philadelphia, Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Speech; Kurt Simoneau of Louin, PTK Presidential Gavel and Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa; Bill Flowers of Newton, William S. Giffin Men's Intramural; Hailey Moody of Preston, Homer F. Hunter Award for Athletic Managers; Emmanuel Taylor of Blakely, Ga., Andrew F. Webb Football; Darius Walker of Hickory, Howard Sessums Men's Basketball; Jennifer Moore of Forest, Thomas W. Thrash Scholarship; Hannah Lee of Philadelphia, Earline Wood Women's Basketball; and Anna Fulton of Louisville, Dr. Edwin Miller Medical Sciences.

Faculty Memorial Awa were presented to Stac Willis of Union, Aaron R. Da Memorial Award; Julie Shepa of Carthage, Frank Edwin a Nena Holt Leatherwood, Bi ogy Science; Ernie Triplett Louisville, Jamie Clark Memo ial Award for Baseball; Ma French of Lake, J. Wallace Be well Business; Andrew Gibb of Forest, Frank M. Cros Freshman Chemistry; Brando Boulton of Hickory, Robert G Fick Memorial; Chanc Sistrunk of Carthage, Shelby L Harris Memorial; Ashley Dumas of Newton, Ruth Hul Wo-He-Lo yearbook; Andy Gibbs of Forest, J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering; Hannah Watkins of Sebastopol, O.L. Newell Drafting; Rhonda Lard of Meridian, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology; Lindsey Bishop of Sebastopol, Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers; Kylie McDonald of Decatur, L. B. Simmons History; and Laura Gunn of Forest, General William Patrick Wilson General Academic.

WEEK OF May 17, 2010

WEBB HONORED DURING STATEWIDE ART EXHIBIT

East Central Community College sophomore Holly Webb of Forest won second place honors in printmaking at the Mississippi Community/Junior College Art Exhibition for her piece titled "Dusk." Webb is an art major and a graduate of Forest High School. Chris Brady serves as art instructor at the College.

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Scott County Students Receive ECCC Nursing Pins

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Lake's Gunn tells fellow ECCC

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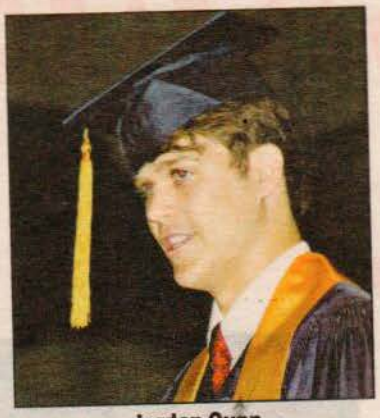
Addressing his fellow graduates at East Central Community College's 81st Commencement held Saturday, May 8, at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia, Jordan Gunn of Lake challenged his peers "to refrain from settling....never take the easy way out."

Gunn, an ECCC Hall of Fame member who received a scholarship to continue his education at Mississippi College in Clinton, said the most "effortless thing in the world is quitting.

"It seems that when most people begin college they have extremely high goals and aspirations," said the Lake High School product. "But as they continue their education, their goals dwindle and fade with time. Hopelessness, difficulty, and fatigue may discourage and persuade you to stop pursuing your dreams. I've heard about countless occasions when individuals allowed their dreams to be substituted by unwanted lifestyles and occupations. I encourage you to prevent this from happening in your future."



Jordan Gunn

To further illustrate his point, Gunn quoted poet Henry David Thoreau, who wrote: "Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it."

Jordan said one can deduce from the Thoreau's quote "that diligence and perseverance are key ingredients in the recipe for success."

"The paths you choose in life are not to be easy; therefore, I encourage to never settle," Gunn reiterated. "When working to achieve your goals, be diligent and strive to make accomplishments above and beyond the required minimum."

Referring to his own college education, Gunn said attending East Central Community College "was one of the best decisions that I have ever made."

"I just didn't enroll myself into a school that allowed me to receive an affordable education," Gunn commented. "I became part of a place that allowed me to undergo wonderful experiences that I will remember the rest of my life."

Gunn mentioned attending worship services and other activities at the Baptist Student Union, the study groups formed the night before physics exams, the various sporting events, musicals and other campus events activities as well as "those late-night trips to Subway" as memorable experiences.

He also noted his involvement in various campus organizations, including Warrior Corps, Phi Theta Kappa and the

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grads: 'Never Settle'

new Astronomy Club.

"All of these aspects of East Central are wonderful and worthy of being remembered," he said. "However, the greatest memory I will have as a Warrior is of the people."

Gunn continued: "The experiences that we have are enhanced by the people we share them with. East Central has allowed me to become part of a unique family; a family that is being acknowledged today as the graduating class of 2010. As a family, we have endeavored to achieve academic excellence, aspired to discover our futuristic paths, taken up innumerable responsibilities, submerged ourselves in extra-curricular activities and befriended people who we will never forget. Now, as a family having reached the pinnacle of our Warrior experience, we will graduate together."

Gunn, prior to his closing remarks, recited Mary Stevenson's "Footprints in the Sand," a poem about trusting in the Lord as one walks though life's journeys.

He also provided his "prescription" for success:

"There will be times in your lives when you experience hardships, depression and defeat. There will be instances where you feel like the world is against you. No matter what your state of mind or situation, God is always there for you, and He will carry you through the storms of life. The only way you can truly be successful is to allow God to direct you and be the center of all your decisions. Exalt God above all else and never settle."

In addition to Gunn, other graduating sophomores participating in the commencement program were Austin Crouther of Decatur, invocation; Hannah Lee of Philadelphia, benediction; and vocalist Drew Harrison of Little Rock, who performed, "You Raise Me Up" by Lovland.

Diplomas were presented to approximately 450 graduates by Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction, in the absence of ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

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EC Alumni memorial winners

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Neshoba students earn ECCC nursing pins

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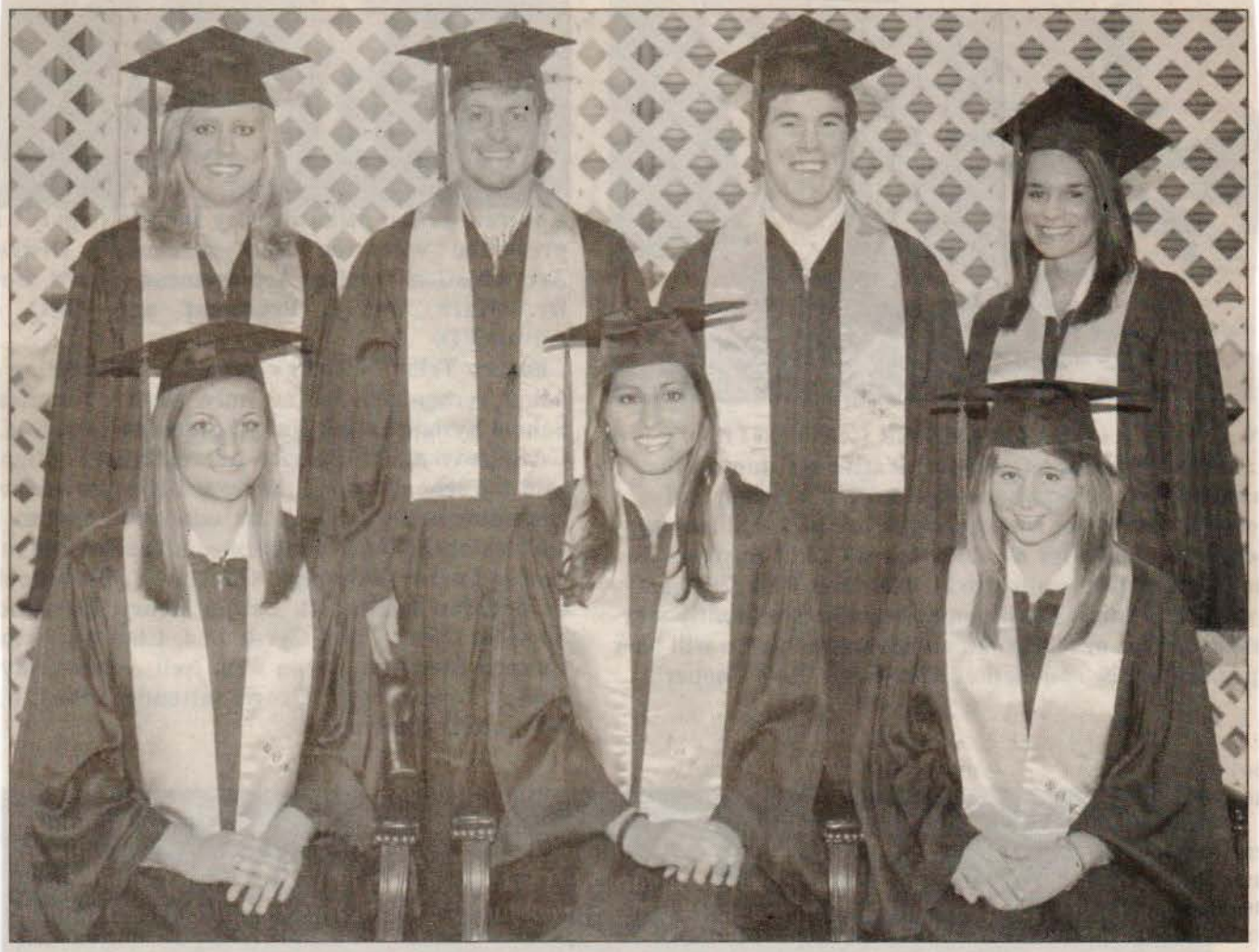
ECCC's NJCAA Academic All-Americans



Recognized as National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Academic All-Americans are the above 2010 graduates of East Central Community College in Decatur. Student-athletes who maintained a 3.8 grade point average or above qualify as Distinguished Academic Americans and include (seated from left) Abby McMillan (tennis) of Newton, Hannah Lee (softball, basketball) of Philadelphia, and Elise Gibbs (tennis) of Newton, and (standing Brittney Cochran (softball) of Hickory and Jason Hancock (tennis) of Decatur. Selected as NJCAA Academic All-Americans, student-athletes earning at least a 3.6 grade point average, include (standing third from left) Jordan Vance (football) of Decatur and Alanna Fairchild (soccer) of Philadelphia. Other student-athletes qualifying as NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-Americans, but not pictured, are soccer players Brandy Greer of Carthage, Mamie Shannon of Philadelphia, and Jared Mullins of Tupelo. Golfer Griffin Burke of Philadelphia also qualified as an NJCAA Academic All-American. Student-athletes must have completed three semesters of college work and participated in at least one athletic season to qualify for academic honors. Honorees will be featured in an upcoming issue of the NJCAA publication, JUCO Review.

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Nursing pins

Winston County Students Receive ECCC Nursing Pins

These Winston County students were among East Central Community College graduating sophomores who received pins during the annual Associate Degree Nursing pinning ceremony held May 7 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. A record 56 students completed the program. They will receive their diplomas during the College's commencement exercises scheduled for Saturday, May 15, in the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia. ADN graduates from Winston County include (seated, from left) Stephen "Clay" Cockrell, Kristy Holmes Coleman, Melissa Edwards, and Shannon Gregory, all of Louisville; (standing, from left) Felicia "Shae" Hopkins, Eric "Tanner" Long, Amelia Dunlap Salley, Jennifer Watts and Jaclyn "Jackie" Wright, all of Louisville. (EC Photo)

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Easom Presents 'Child's Story' at ECCC Event...Andie Easom of Sebastopol was among participants in East Central Community College's "Poetry Coffeehouse" held recently in Thrash Auditorium on the Decatur campus. The annual event is held to showcase the writing talents of students in Carol Shackelford's Creative Writing Class. Easom, a sophomore pre-nursing major, is shown during her presentation titled "Tillie's Day Out," a child's story. Also presented by class members were personal essays, short stories, dramatic monologues, free verse and sonnets. (EC Photo)

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Brown competes in NJCAA

❑ CHS alum places 38th out of 130

East Central Community College golfer Luke Brown of Carthage was among the top finishers in the 2010 NJCAA Division II Golf Tournament held May 18-22 at the Palm Valley Golf Course in Goodyear, Arizona.

Brown, who just completed his freshman year as a member of the Warrior golf team, posted rounds of 73, 77, 76 and 76 for a 302 total, 14-over par. He finished tied for 38th in the 130-man field.

He qualified for the nationals as an individual following his successful participation in the NJCAA Region 23 Golf Championship held on the Eagle Ridge Course at Hinds Community College in Raymond.

Brown finished tied for fifth in the 36-hole event by carding rounds of 74 and 77 for a 151 total and

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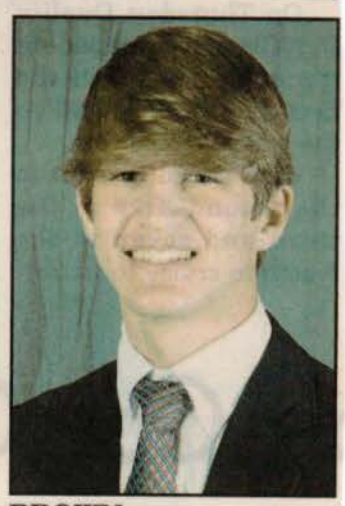
was named to the All-Region 23 squad.

Brown is a graduate of Carthage High School, where he was named to All-State and All-District teams.

His parents are Paula and Jimmy Brown of Carthage.



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ECCC Hall of Fame inductees

East Central Community College recently announced inductees to the 2010 Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at the college. They include, seated, from left, Anna Fulton of Louisville, Abby McMillan of Newton and Lacey Gillmore of Sebastopol; and standing, from left, Kimberly Blackwell of Louisville, Jordan Gunn of Forest and Hannah Lee of Philadelphia. The honorees were announced during Awards Day activities held May 6 in Huff Auditorium. Their photos will hang in the Hall of Fame Collection in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.

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Prizes given away

These students were among those receiving "special" awards during the annual East Central Community College Awards Day ceremonies held May 6 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Students and their respective awards include (seated, from left) Anna Alexander of Little Rock, Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership; Ariel Doggett of Carthage, Myrtle R. Hutchison Elementary Education Award; Courtney Lanier of Decatur, Alyne Simmons Recruitment Grant; and Alanna Fairchild of Philadelphia, Roy Pete Award for Women's Soccer; and (standing, from left) Nathan Rowell of Philadelphia, Roy Pete Award for Men's Soccer; Chelsea Pugh of Hickory, Secondary Education; and Abbie Joiner of Philadelphia, Lucille Wood Scholarship. Not pictured are Casey Shoemaker of Decatur, Kim Amerson and Kimberly Goodin, both of Newton and Emily Malone of Carthage, all recipients of the Mississippi Business Educators Association awards; and Rachel Ramirez of Forest, The Tom-Tom student newspaper award. (EC Photo)

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Receives MC scholarships

These East Central Community College graduating sophomores received transfer scholarships to Mississippi College in Clinton, which were presented during the annual Awards Day ceremonies held May 6 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. From left are Drew Dowdy of Philadelphia, Candise Johnson of Forest, Griffin Burk of Philadelphia and Jordan Gunn of Forest. MC representative Brandi Brown, right made the presentations. Also receiving MC scholarships, but not pictured, are Hailey Chisolm and Jordan McMichael, both of Philadelphia; Brittney Cochran of Hickory; Jaqlene Robinson of Noxapater, Mamie Shannon of Union; and Elise Gibbs of Newton. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Students Receive MSU Scholarships

East Central Community College sophomores Abby McMillan (left) of Newton and Anna Fulton (right) of Louisville received transfer scholarships to Mississippi State University, which were presented during the annual East Central Community College Awards Day ceremonies held May 6 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Also pictured is MSU representative Heath Barrett who made the scholarship presentations. Not pictured, but also receiving transfer scholarships to MSU, are Brandon Kennedy and Amy Plaisance, both of Union; Aaron Snell, Lake; Kyle Donald, Jessica Hamilton and Nathan Calvert, all of Louisville; Corbin Jenkins, Kayla Cook, Amelia Burnside and Conner Herrington, all of Carthage; Brandon Galistel, Marion; Brittni Harris, Jason Hancock and Kyle Killens, all of Decatur; Meaghan Mayes and Reaghan Mayes, both of Conehatta; Anna Switzer, Meridian; Dominique McKee and Emily Pace, both of Newton; Melissa Ellis and Tara Gilmer, both of Walnut Grove; Jaqlene Robinson, Noxapater; Austin Buchanan, Alanna Fairchild and Nathan Rowell, all of Philadelphia; and Stacy Henderson, Pulaski. (EC Photo)

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ECCC announces 2010-11 Cheerleaders

East Central Community College in Decatur announced members of the 2010-11 cheerleading squad following tryouts held on the Decatur campus.

Those selected include Ashley Amis, Hailey Dunavant, Whitney Myers, Katie Reeves, Richie Ferguson, Jesse Holloway and Zach Pigg, all of Newton County High School; Ashli Bell and Ashley Lee, both of Scott Central; Madison Nowell, Winston Academy; Whitney Stokes, Neshoba Central; Will Emmons, Lake; Dayton Johnson and Jacob Johnston, both of Nanih Waiya; and Drew Smith and Dustin Stewart, both of Louisville. Erica Bowie of Forest was selected an alternate.

Shelley Thoms serves as cheerleader coach

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Receive ECCC 'Special' Awards

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EC special awards

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EC faculty award recipients

These students received Faculty Memorial awards during the annual East Central Community College Awards Day ceremonies held May 6 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Students and their respective awards include (seated, from left) Stacey Willis of Union, Aaron R. Davis Memorial Award; Julie Shepard of Carthage, Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood, Biology Science; Mary Alli French of Lake, J. Wallace Bedwell Business; Andrew Gibbs of Forest, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry and J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering; and Chance Sistrunk of Carthage, Shelby L. Harris Memorial; and (standing, from left) Hannah Watkins of Sebastopol, O.L. Newell Drafting; Rhonda Lard of Meridian, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology; Lindsey Bishop of Sebastopol, Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers; Kylie McDonald of Decatur, L. B. Simmons History; and Laura Gunn of Forest, General William Patrick Wilson General Academic Scholarship. Not pictured are Ernie Triplett of Louisville, Jamie Clark Memorial Award for Baseball; Brandon Boulton of Hickory, Robert G. Fick Memorial; and Ashley Dumas of Newton, Ruth Hull Wo-He-Lo yearbook.

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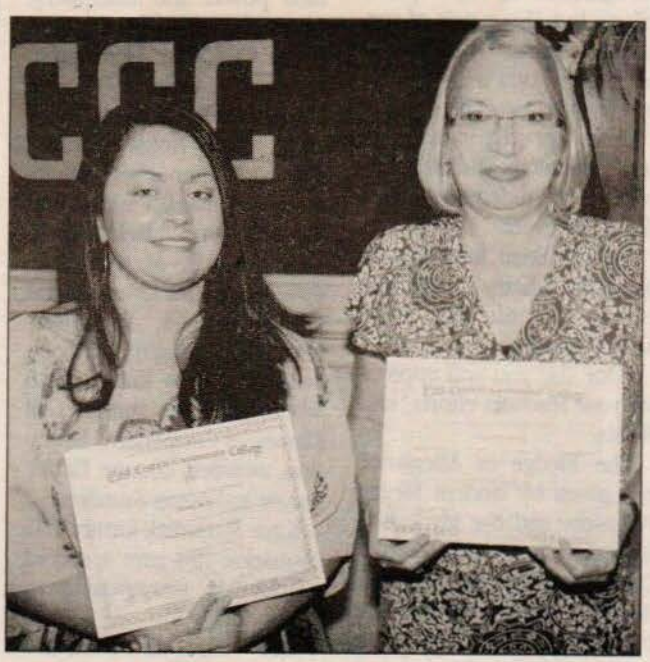

Receive ECCC Healthcare Awards

These students received healthcare division awards during the annual East Central Community College Awards Day ceremonies held May 6 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Students and their respective awards include (from left) Robin Willis of Decatur, Associate Degree Nursing Outstanding Achievement, and Frankie Sullivan of Louisville, practical nursing. Not pictured is Raymond Schendel of Gilbertown, Ala., paramedic technology. (EC Photo)

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MUW scholarships

ECCC Students Receive MUW Scholarships

These East Central Community College students received various transfer scholarships to Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, which were presented during the annual Awards Day ceremonies held May 6 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) Kimberly Blackwell of Louisville, Jared Mullins of Tupelo, Chelsea Pugh of Hickory and Kurt Simoneau of Louin. At right is Brandi Watkins, MUW representative, who made the presentations. Mullins received the prestigious McDevitt scholarship, which is for academically gifted community college transfer students and includes full tuition, room and board, out-of-state fees (if applicable), and a small book stipend for two years. Only three McDevitt scholarships are awarded each year. MUW scholarship recipients not pictured include Emily Breland and Kyndall Rushing, both of Philadelphia; and Julie Shepard of Carthage.

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ECCC Spring Semester Honor Roll

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Those named to the President's List, students with a 4.0 grade point average, include the following:

LOUISVILLE: Kimberly Jordan Blackwell, Geralyn Stewart Frey, Anna Elizabeth Fulton, Lance Alan Goodin, Diannie M. Grissom, John Robertson Hatcher, Samantha Brooke Holdiness, . Charles Edward Johnson, Meredith Dawn Jones, Stephanie Michelle Lee, Johnathan P. Phillips, James Tyler Robbins and Jay Danner Shotts;

MCCOOL: Latanya Ann Ball and Timothy David Patterson;

NOXAPATER: Mary Margaret Kirk and Jaqlene Amanda Robinson;

PRESTON: Jason Brian Copeland and Katheline McDonald McDaniel;

DEAN'S LIST

The Dean's List includes the following students who achieved a 3.5 or above grade point average:

LOUISVILLE: Angie Michelle Ball, Phillip Caprice Curry, Evan Keith Dailey, Skky Brittany Glass, Bonnie Kathryn Hailey, Jessica Marie Hamilton, Kelsey Hope Hill, Angel Lee Hunt, Linda J. Love, Jason Matthew Mangum, Joseph Dale McNeill, Renae Metts, Cody Keith Ming, Alexis Paige Papalambros, Anna Claire Peeples, Monique Lashon Robinson, Vana Jean Rush, Drew Thomas Smith, Brigette Nicole Sullivan, Mary Frank Sullivan, Anthony Delmar Tatum, Lauren Suzanne Thornton, Shannon Elizabeth Watt, Katlin Alice Woodruff and William Tyler Wright;

McCOOL: Katelynn Ann Thomas;

NOXAPATER: Brody Lamar Horne;

PRESTON: Kelsie Sherlene Boykin, Jennifer Megan Moody and Lauren Leigh Nicholas;

HONORABLE MENTION LIST

The following students were named to the Honorable Mention List and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average:

ACKERMAN: Montez Levon Kirkwood;

LOUISVILLE: Justin Keith Bates, Nathan Speed-Calvert, Charles C. Covington, Gregory Tyler Dalton, Kyle Reynolds Donald, Lindsey Lanell Donald, Megan Renea Edwards, Melissa Dale Edwards, Leslie Ann Fussell, Fonda Rae Goss, Shannon Hunt Gregory, Jeffery W. Grimshel, Emily Rose Hathorn, Jason Scott Hill, Morgan Tabor Hillhouse, Codi Taylor Ingle, Kayla Rena Joe, Kayely Faye Kinard, Daniella Grace Knotts, Shenika Waunta Ledbetter, Eric Tanner Long, Sarah Elizabeth Page; Allison Renee Rogers; Amy Michelle Rogers, Amelia Margaret Salley, Kayla D. Shumaker, Ronald Earl Spears, Christopher Blane Tatum, Trinelius Jamal Triplett, Tanya Lynn Trosper, Patrick John Watso, Jennifer Shaye Watts, Jessica L. Williamson and Paige Alexandria Worthy;

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ECCC Cheerleader Award Winners

Recipients of cheerleader awards at East Central Community College include (from left) Anna Williams of Newton County Academy and Will Emmons of Lake, captain awards; and Monica Vincent of Newton County High School and Abby McMillan of Newton County Academy, academic awards. Emmons also received the Warrior Award.

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Preparing for college

Raychal Reed left), a 2010 graduate of Winston Academy, was among area students who attended the June 4 orientation session held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Reed is shown reviewing her fall semester class schedule with Michael Alexander, academic counselor. During orientation, students receive their approved class schedules for the fall term, reserve or check the status of their dormitory rooms and have photos made for id cards and the College yearbook.

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Lake High School graduate Jacoquyn Rasco (right) was among area students who attended the June 4 orientation session held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Rasco is shown receiving information regarding scholarships and financial aid from Monica Rigdon, assistant to the director of financial aid. During orientation, students receive their approved class schedules for the fall semester, reserve or check on the status of their dormitory rooms and have photos made for identification cards and the College yearbook. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Saturday, June 26; Thursday, July 15; and Friday, August 13. Fall classes begin Thursday, August 19.

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Ashlee Lee (center) and her brother Austin Lee (right), both of Forest, were among area students who attended orientation activities held Friday, June 4 at East Central Community College in Decatur. The siblings are shown receiving assistance from Marcie Pinson, director of housing/student activities, a Forest native. Ashlee is a 2010 graduate of Scott Central High School and Austin is a 2007 graduate of Forest High School. During orientation, students receive their approved class schedules for the fall term, reserve or check on the status of their dormitory rooms and have photos made for identification cards and the College yearbook.

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Attends orientation at ECCC

Neshoba Central High School graduate Brittany Boatner, right, was among area students who attended orientation activities held June 4 at East Central Community College in Decatur. The incoming freshman is shown planning her fall semester class schedule with English instructor Ann Durham who also serves as an adviser. During orientation, students receive their approved class schedules for the fall term, reserve or check on the status of their dormitory rooms and have photos made for identification cards and the College yearbook. Additional orientation sessions will be held Saturday, June 26; Thursday, July 15; and Friday, August 13. Fall classes begin Thursday, August 19. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205.

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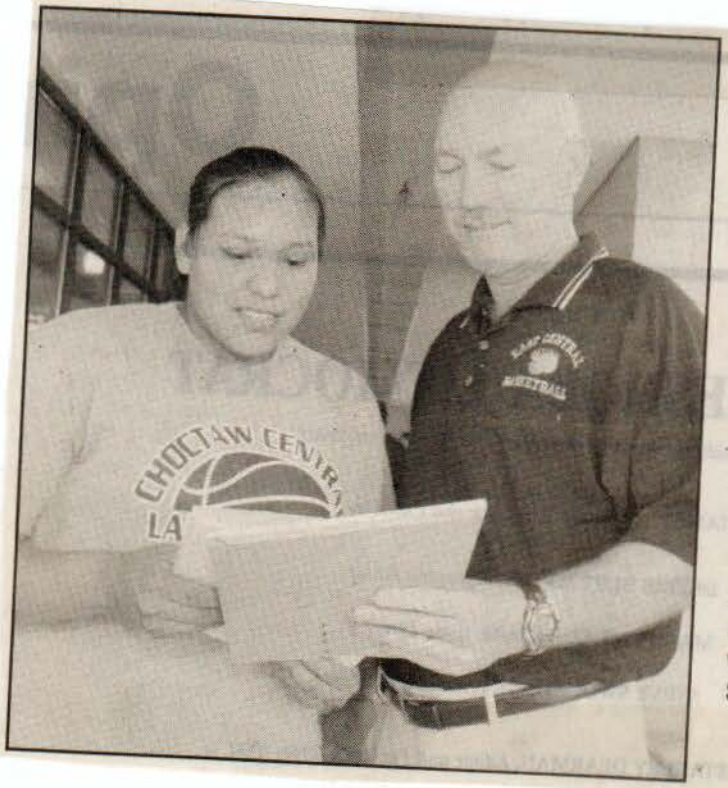

Registers for classes

Delanda Chickaway, left, a 2010 graduate of Choctaw Central High School, was among area students who attended the June 4, orientation session held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Chickaway is shown reviewing her fall class schedule with Bill Smith, women's head basketball coach. Chickaway will be a member of Coach Smith's squad this fall.

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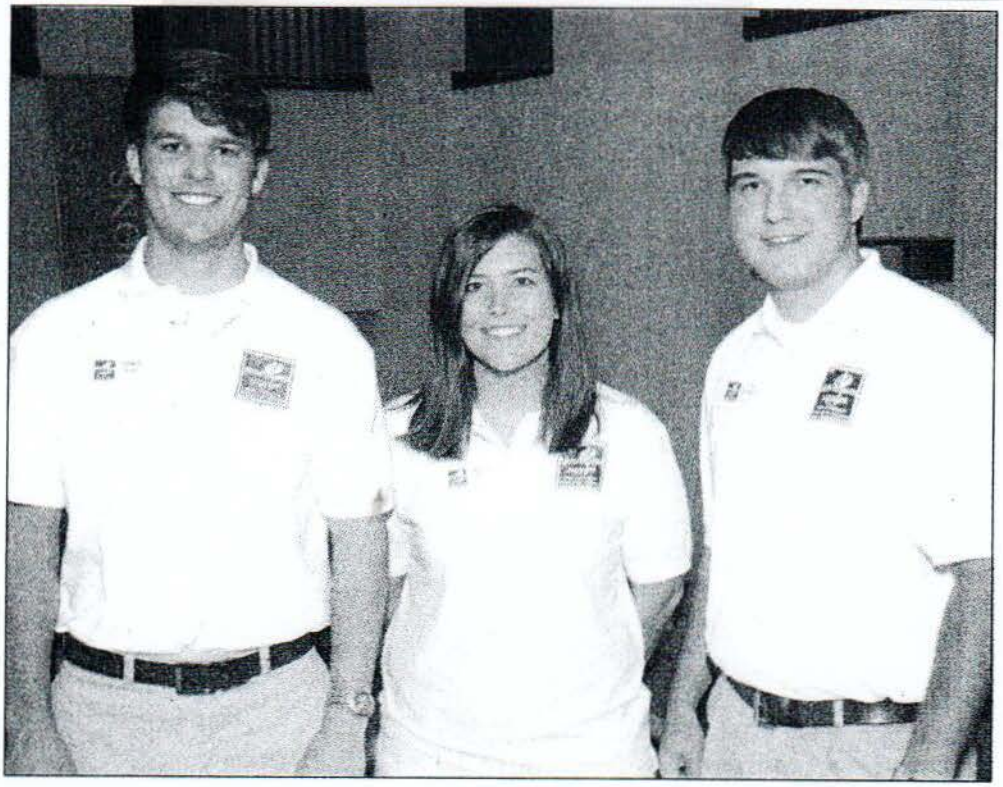

Students selected for physician pipeline program

Jordan Gunn (left), Melissa Ellis (center) and Tyler Hansford have been chosen to participate in the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship undergraduate Program

Jordan Gunn, 2008 valedictorian of Lake High, is a graduate of East Central Community College where he was named to the Hall of Fame, was president of the Concert Choir and of the Residence Hall Advisors, ECCC Sophomore Favorite, named HEAD-WAE student of the year and was the recipient of the Richard Fisher Organic Chemistry Award. Jordan will be a junior at Mississippi College this fall. He is the son of David and Elizabeth Gunn of Forest.

A Mississippi State junior, Melissa Ellis received the Phi Theta Kappa scholarship and was named Who's Who Among American Junior College Students. She is the daughter of Barry and Mary Ellis of Walnut Grove.

An honors graduate of ECCC, Tyler Hansford is a senior Lucille Thomas Memorial Scholar at Mississippi State University. In 2007 Tyler received the Community Service Award from the Union Chamber of Commerce. Voted "Most Likely to Succeed" at Union high school, he is the son of Steve and Suzanne Hansford of Union. Once his medical training is completed, Tyler plans to return to Union to practice family medicine.

MRPSP is an innovative physician pipeline program that identifies rural college sophomores who aspire to return to their roots to practice primary care medicine. Created by the Legislature in 2007, the program is structured to groom them into competitive medical students. Each year fifteen undergraduates are selected to receive rural physician mentoring, academic enrichment on rural health topics, free MCAT preparation valued at $2,000 and consideration for Direct Admissions to medical school where they may receive a $30,000 per

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Students of the Licensed Practical Nursing Program at East Central Community College in Decatur recently placed third in the Student Poster Contest at the Mississippi Licensed Practical Nursing Association Convention in April held at the Silver Star Resort & Casino in Choctaw. Students Jonee Brantley of Philadelphia (left) and Roshanda Butler of Lake (right) received a $150 check for the ECCC Practical Nursing Association for the honor.

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East Central Community College graduating sophomore Lacey Gilmore (left) of Sebastopol received a transfer scholarship to the University of Mississippi, which was presented during the annual Awards Day ceremonies held May 6 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Also pictured is Ole Miss representative Dana Ros.

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ECCC Announces Spring Semester

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Students named to the 2010 spring semester honor roll, which includes those selected to the President's List, Dean's List and Honorable Mention List, have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

President's list

Those named to the President's List, students with a 4.0 grade point average, include the following:

CONEHATTA: Meaghan Marie Mayes;

FOREST: Tasha Christine Black, Bridget Denise Burkes, Mindy Ann Carr, Jeri Lynn Crosby, Michael Ann Durham, Andrew Michael Lee Gibbs, Jordan Matthew Gunn, Laura Elizabeth Gunn, Serena Jo Jackson, Edna Ruth McDonald, Jennifer Elizabeth Moore, Stephanie Inez Reed, Jeffrey Farrel Rudisill and Joshua Ryan Taylor;

LAKE: Jason Hardy Hawthorne and Joyce Gray Odom;

LAWRENCE: Timothy Martin Seibel and Dustin Clark Weeks;

LENA: Brandy Nicole Greer;

MORTON: Stella Ann Jenkins, Pierre Kevin Miranda and Vicki Lee Sawyer;

PULASKI: Candace Dianne Graham;

WALNUT GROVE: Daniel Eric Bankston, Shaina Nicole Breedlove, Melissa Kuhn Ellis, Ashley Nicole McDill and James Zachary Wright; and

Dean's list

The Dean's List includes the following students who achieved a 3.5 to 3.9 grade point average:

CONEHATTA: Reaghan Nicole Mayes and Brandi Nicole McDill;

FOREST: Tracy Lynn Alexander, Kristi Lynn Bell, Megan Elizabeth Boswell, Christi Capitola Breedlove, Dustin Marcus Cushman, Miranda Gail Edwards, Marley Elyse Hanna, Candise Renee Johnson, Melody S. Jones, Valerie Susanne Sanders, Jennifer Theresa Shannon, Rachel Dewana Smith, Lori Leann Thompson, Krista Alicia Thrash and Audrianna Walker;

LAKE: Betty Diane Ashley, William Quinton Davis, Brittany Leeann Edwards, Tonya Craig Evans, Mary Alli French, Karley Joanna Mitchell, Debra Michele Parker and Mandy Gail Yarbrough;

LAWRENCE: Miata Abril Evans, Jennifer Marie Felton, Colby Eugene Harvey and Angie Margaret Williamson;

LENA: Nicole Lashay Gilbert and Kimberly Marie Patterson;

MORTON: Ysabel Avalos, Benjamin Bryce Harrell and Patricia Sade Harvey;

PULASKI: Stacy Alane Henderson, Myrna Susan Parkman and Jadonne Lechelle Wicker;

WALNUT GROVE: Jackie Ann Hogue; and

Honorable Mention list

The following students were named to the Honorable Mention List and earned a 3.0 to 3.4 grade point average:

CONEHATTA: Jamie Vale Anderson, Kristina Marlene Bell, Lindsey Clair Bishop, Jessica Michelle Coleman, Sandra Denise Lampkin, Angie Renee Massey, Shelby Dwight Shelley, Audriann Thomas and Gina Rachelle Watkins;

FOREST: Edgar Agustin Alvarez, Andrea Leigh Anderson, Donna Rochelle Banks, Jessica Monique Brown, Cody Ray Buckley, Carmen M. Coleman, Justin E. Collins, Aleshia Renee Crimm, Kristen Elisa Everett, Zachary Samuel Gibbs, Joel Lee Hardy, Gabriel Isaac Harmon, Cody Ross Harrell, Darlene Robin Hughes, Shaquinta Shantell Ickom, Brittany Denise Jennings, Sean Gregory Johnson, Teresa Yvette Lofton, Adam Corey McLemore, Erica Darnesia Moore,

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Clarissa Bettina Murrell; Audrey Culpepper Neal, Quentinette Nicole Odom, Kristen Denise Perry, Tina Marie Pittman, Rachel Marie Ramirez, Sophia D. Reed, Christopher W. Rhodes, John Carl Riser, Lindsey Deanna Sanders, Andrea Lashun Slaughter, Rebecca Leigh Stevens, McKenzie Carr Stringer, Rochelsey Symone Thomas, April Denise Vivians, Cody Neil Walters, Anita Faye Williams and Angela Darlene Withers;

LAKE: Kiswana Dashaye Burnside, Paul Ray Evans, Margaret Christina Gibbs, Thomas Christopher Gibbs, Fredrick Bernard Harris, Jennifer Hughes Hill, Marshall Detrel Jones, Melissa Ann Rowell and Melissa Darlene Simmons;

LAWRENCE: Courtney L. Gammill, Timothy Alex Geter, Dominique Lashad Murrell, Hannah Ashley Peoples, Lynford Martin Seibel and Micah Kolby Tillman;

LENA: Shelton Antonio Banks, Anna Carol Crapps, Samantha Lynne Elkins, Barbara Latrisha Gilbert and Shannon Dee Moss;

MORTON: Tracy Lynne Beemon, Sherrell Monique Bilbro, Bailey Allyn Brown, Brittany Frances Cameron, Joshua Glenn Kennedy, W. J. Measels III, Kayla Anne Morehead, Kayla Rae Stevenson, Laura Ann Waggoner and Emily Christine Watford;

PULASKI: Brittany Katherine Harrison;

SEBASTOPOL: Sarah Jessica Beauchamp, Andie Cooper Easom and Tara Rose Gilmer;

WALNUT GROVE: Miriah Elizabeth Barney, Tyler Lane Comans, Brandi Nicole Goss, Latoria Shuntae Holifield, Christopher Jacob Martinson, Sabrina Janae Posey, Kelli F. Sistrunk and Laquindric Antawn Stokes.

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ECCC Students Receiving National SkillsUSA Honors ... Representing East Central Community College in Decatur at the National SkillsUSA Championship were the above students who received various honors in their respective areas of competition. From left are Eddie Fondren of Union, who placed 19th in Technical Drafting; Richard Adams, 21st, Commercial Baking and Lindsey Bozeman, fifth, CNC Turning, both of Philadelphia; and Hannah Watkins of Sebastopol, eighth, Architectural Drafting. Instructors are Polly Mayes and Ricky Harrison (technical and architectural drafting), Danny Gressett (machine shop) and Alexei Huguley (culinary arts). The national contest was held June 21-25 in Kansas City, Missouri. The ECCC students qualified for the prestigious event by winning first-place honors at the state level. Students in all 50 states, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and Puerto Rico participate in the National SkillsUSA Championship.

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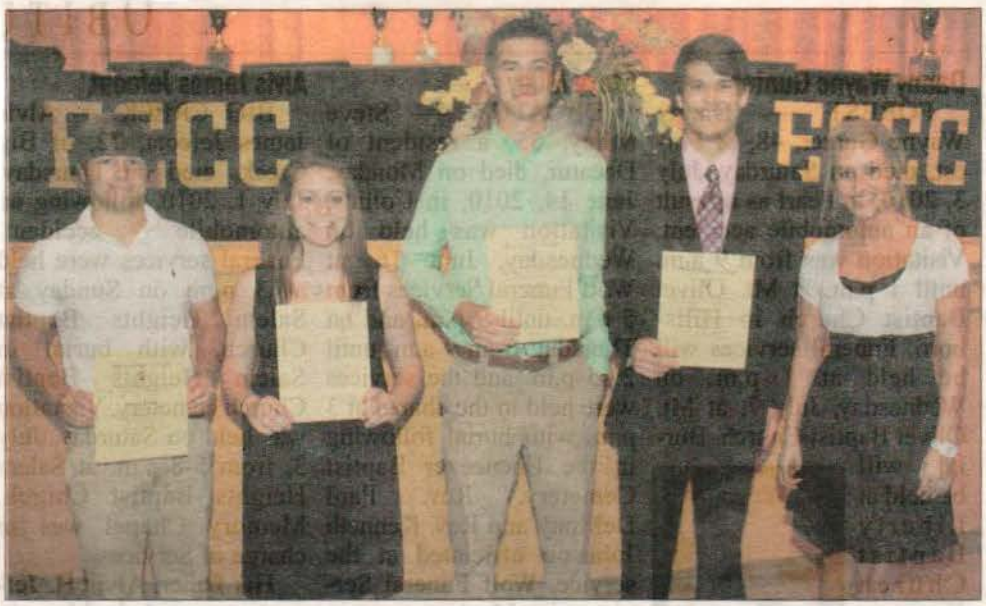

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STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

These East Central Community College graduating sophomores received transfer scholarships to Mississippi College in Clinton, which were presented during the annual Awards Day ceremonies held May 6 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) Drew Dowdy of Philadelphia, Candise Johnson of Forest, Griffin Burk of Philadelphia and Jordan Gunn of Forest. MC representative Brandi Brown (right) made the presentations. Also receiving MC scholarships, but not pictured, are Hailey Chisolm and Jordan McMichael, both of Philadelphia; Brittney Cochran of Hickory; Jaqlene Robinson of Noxapater, Mamie Shannon of Union; and Elise Gibbs of Newton.

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Tyler Coker (above, left) of Union and Newton County High School graduate Whitney Myers (right) were among students participating in orientation activities held Saturday, June 26 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Coker received assistance in planning his 2010 fall class schedule from Bill Wilson, heating and air conditioning instructor. Myers is shown receiving assistance in planning her 2010 fall class schedule from Marc McCool, social science instructor. During orientation, students receive their approved class schedules, reserve or check the status of their dormitory rooms, and have photographs made for identifications cards and the College yearbook. Additional orientation sessions will be held Thursday, July 15 and Friday, Aug. 13. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. (EC Photo)

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Haley Hall (right) of Forest was among students participating in orientation activities held Saturday, June 26 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Hall is shown receiving assistance in planning her 2010 fall class schedule from Peggy Clayton, chemistry instructor. During orientation, students receive their approved class schedules for the fall term, reserve or check the status of their dormitory rooms, and have photographs made for the College yearbook. Additional orientation sessions will be held Thursday, July 15 and Friday, Aug. 13. Fall classes begin Thursday, Aug. 19.

These students received technical awards during the annual East Central Community College Awards Day ceremonies. Students and their respective awards include (seated, from left) Tunisha Ellis of Hickory, early childhood education; Paula Covarrubias of Walnut Grove, computer technology; and Jesse Johnson Vance of Union, electrical; and (standing, from left) Ramon Agurrie of Choctaw, hotel and restaurant management; Tim Patterson of McCool, machine shop; and Hannah Watkins of Sebastopol, Technical Student of the Year. Not pictured are Chris Rhodes of Pulaski, heating and air conditioning.

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Attends orientation

Brandon Jones, left, was among students attending orientation activities held Saturday, June 26 at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Neshoba Central High School graduate is shown receiving assistance in planning his 2010 fall class schedule from Vicki Blaylock, choral director/music instructor. Additional orientation sessions will be held July 15 and Aug. 13.

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Attend ECCC

Troy Taylor (right) was among students attending orientation activities held Saturday, June 26 at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Nanih Waiya High School product is shown receiving assistance in planning his 2010 fall class schedule from John Everett, electrical technology instructor. During orientation, students receive their approved class schedules for the fall term, reserve or check the status of their dormitory rooms, and have photographs made for identification cards and the College yearbook.

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ECCC participation

Parker Participates in ECCC Orientation

Joseph Parker (right) of Louisville was among students participating in orientation activities held Saturday, June 26 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Parker is shown receiving assistance in planning his 2010 fall class schedule from Fredrick Lyons, residential carpentry instructor and assistant football coach. During orientation, students receive their approved class schedules for the fall term, reserve or check the status of their dormitory rooms, and have photographs made for identification cards and the College yearbook. Additional orientation sessions will be held Thursday, July 15 and Friday, Aug. 13. Fall classes begin Thursday, Aug. 19. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205.

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Awards

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Receives SkillsUSA honors

These East Central Community College career-technical students received various awards at the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championship held at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston. Winning first-place honors in their respective categories and qualifying for national competition are, seated from left), Hannah Watkins (architectural drafting) and Eddie Fondren (technical drafting), both of Union; Richard Adams (commercial baking), Philadelphia; Kristie Robinson (promotional bulletin board), Forest; and Crystal Tucker (promotional bulletin board), Meridian. Placing second in their respective categories were second row, Cody Buckley (residential wiring), Forest; Shelby Shelley (CNC Milling Technology), Sebastopol; Lindsay Bozeman (CNC Turning Technology), Philadelphia; Tim Patterson (precision machine technology), McCool; Cody Mason (cabinetmaking), Union; and Angela Melton (prepared speech), Hickory. Third-place winners included, back row, Josh Taylor (welding), Forest; Trent Hill (collision repair technology), Philadelphia; Shonda Johnson (job interview), Newton; and Opening and Closing team members Danielle Shoemaker, Decatur; Amy Johnson and Carrie Stokes, both of Philadelphia; Megan Carlisle, Gilbertown, Ala.; Maree Kidd, Newton; Raquel Simmons, Philadelphia; and Chelsey Boatner, Louisville. Not pictured is Austin Mather of Decatur, a third-place winner in automotive service technology. The National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference will be held June 21-25, 2010, in Kansas City, Missouri.

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ECCC Students Receiving National SkillsUSA Honors

Representing East Central Community College in Decatur at the National SkillsUSA Championship were the above students who received various honors in their respective areas of competition. From left are Eddie Fondren of Union, who placed 19th in Technical Drafting; Richard Adams, 21st, Commercial Baking and Lindsey Bozeman, fifth, CNC Turning, both of Philadelphia; and Hannah Watkins of Sebastopol, eighth, Architectural Drafting. Instructors are Polly Mayes and Ricky Harrison (technical and architectural drafting), Danny Gressett (machine shop) and Alexei Huguley (culinary arts). The national contest was held June 21-25 in Kansas City, Missouri. The ECCC students qualified for the prestigious event by winning first-place honors at the state level. Students in all 50 states, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and Puerto Rico participate in the National SkillsUSA Championship. (Submitted photo)

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Dillon Alford (left) and Zach Turner (center), both products of Morton High School, were among students attending orientation activities held Saturday, June 26 at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Diamond Warrior signees are shown receiving assistance in planning their 2010 fall class schedules from Neal Holliman, ECCC head baseball coach. During orientation, students receive their approved class schedules for the fall term, reserve or check the status of their dormitory rooms, and have photographs made for identification cards and the College yearbook. Additional orientation sessions will be held Thursday, July 15 and Friday, Aug. 13. Fall classes begin Thursday, Aug. 19.

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Recipients of Hall of Fame and other honors were recognized during the annual Awards Day program held May 6, 2010, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Selection to the Hall of Fame is considered the highest honor a student can receive at the College, according to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president, who presented the awards. Hall of Fame inductees for 2009-10 include Kimberly Blackwell and Anna Fulton, both of Louisville; Lacey Gilmore of Sebastopol, Hannah Lee of Philadelphia, Abby McMillan of Newton and Jordan Gunn of Forest. Gilmore is the daughter of Bert and Carleen Gilmore of Sebastopol and is a graduate of Newton County High School. Gunn is the son of David and Elizabeth Gunn of Forest, and is a graduate of Lake High School.

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STUDENTS ATTEND ECCC ORIENTATION

Above: Stevie Pace (left) of Lake was among students participating in orientation activities held Saturday, June 26 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pace is shown receiving assistance in planning her 2010 fall class schedule from Lisa Gorgas, associate degree nursing instructor. Below: Shatarra Ickom (right) of Lake was among students participating in orientation activities held Saturday, June 26 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Ickom is shown receiving assistance in planning her 2010 fall class schedule from Katrina Bryant, director/instructor of the College's EMT-Paramedic Technology Program. During orientation, students receive their approved class schedules for the fall term, reserve or check the status of their dormitory rooms, and have photographs made for identification cards and the College yearbook. An additional orientation session will be held Friday, Aug. 13. Fall classes begin Thursday, Aug. 19. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205.

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SEBASTOPOL PAIR ATTENDS ECCC ORIENTATION

Jacy Peoples (center) Kelsey Dennis (right), both of Sebastopol, were among students participating in orientation activities held Saturday, June 26 at East Central Community College in Decatur. They are shown receiving assistance in planning their 2010 fall class schedules from Patti Davis, biology instructor. During orientation, students receive their approved class schedules for the fall term, reserve or check the status of their dormitory rooms, and have photographs made for identification cards and the College yearbook. An additional orientation session will be held Friday, Aug. 13. Fall classes begin Thursday, Aug. 19. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205.

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Events

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Collegians scheduled for fair

The Collegians, East Central Community College's rock-n-roll band, will present their 27th annual Neshoba County Fair performance at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 26, at Founders' Square Pavilion. Also participating in the day's activities will be the ECCC Cheerleaders and the Centralettes, the danceline for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band. The Collegians will also perform at 6:30 p.m. at the Grandstand prior to the Miss Neshoba County pageant. Collegian members and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) Jordan Vance, Trinity Episcopal in Natchez; Brandon Hughes, Newton County; Courtney Gammill, Lake; Jessie Harrison, Tiffany Spence and Monica Vincent, all of Newton County; Nathan Spears, Neshoba Central; and Drew Harrison, Newton County; (second row, from left) Mikhail Serio, Carthage; Dustin Gibbs, Lake; Robbie Faulk, Winston Academy; and Colby Horton, Neshoba Central; (top row, from left) Leslie Graham, Forest; Graylon Foster, Philadelphia; Ruby McCurdy, Carthage; Christina Gibbs, Lake; Bobby Branning, West Lauderdale; Lacey Gilmore, Newton County; Brandon Gibbs, Lake; D.J. Harris, Sumrall; Tyler Woods and Clay Winstead, both of Neshoba Central; Austin Jay, Union; and Robert Hisaw, Nanih Waiya. Not pictured is technician Cody Walters of Forest. ECCC Director of Bands Thomas W. Carson serves as director and also plays guitar.

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WEEK OF July 26, 2010

EC announces homecoming honorees

Recipients of various honors to be presented during East Central Community College's homecoming celebration scheduled Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, on the Decatur campus, were recently announced by Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations.

Brigadier General Amelia Ellen Kennedy (Class of 1970) of Louisville is the College's Alumna of the Year and William Dunigan "Bill" Bailey (Class of 1946) of Decatur is being honored as Alumnus of the Year.

Selected for induction into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame, are Chris Harris (Class of 1976) of Decatur and Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin (Class of 1950) of Carthage.

Also being honored is the late Choctaw Chief Phillip Martin, recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award. Chief Martin attended ECCC in 1957-58.

Reunion groups receiving special recognition include the Class of 1940, Class of 1950, Class of 1960, Class of 1970, Classes of 1979,1980 and 1981, and all Warrior Corps members. The Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959 will also have their annual reunion during the homecoming weekend and will include the Class of 1960 for the group's dinner meeting scheduled Friday, Oct. 1.

Recognition of award winners will be made at the Alumni Association Luncheon beginning at noon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

For more information, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. The e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

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ECCC continues to offer educational bargain for students

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Located in the heart of east central Mississippi, East Central Community College in Decatur offers a quality education at an affordable price for students of all ages.

Enrollment continues to climb at the two-year institution and reached an all-time high of 2,841 students for the 2009 fall semester.

EC prides itself on providing an affordable education to help students achieve their goals in whatever field they choose.

For the 2010-11 school year, East Central continues its mission of "serving students" by offering the lowest tuition and fees possible, especially when compared to the state's four-year colleges and universities and most community and junior colleges.

Tuition is now $895 per semester for full-time students and $90 per semester hour for part-time students. Cost to live in all residence halls except Barber Hall is now $675 per semester. The fee for Barber Hall is set at $775 per semester. The Board fee for a five-day meal plan remains at $765 per semester and the seven-day plan is $920. Other fees may also apply in various areas.

Numerous scholarships and financial aid opportunities are available for students of all ages. To receive more information, contact Brenda Carson, director of financial aid, 601-635-6378.

"According to recent data from Mississippi's Institutions of Higher Learning, East Central students perform academically as well or better than students who begin their education at the four-year institutions," said ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. "We credit that success to our outstanding faculty and staff who work very hard to prepare students for the next level of higher education or the workforce."

Not only do EC students find academic success on the university level, many are recipients of prestigious scholarships to continue their education.

Recipients of university transfer scholarships and other honors are recognized each year during Awards Day. Among those honored at the 2010 program were Jordan Gunn of Forest and Melissa Estes of Walnut Grove, who were selected to participate in the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Undergraduate Program (MRPSP) along with former ECCC student Tyler Hansford of Union. MRPSP is an innovative, longitudinal physician pipeline program that identifies rural college sophomores who aspire to return to their roots to practice primary care medicine. Only 15 undergraduates are selected each year for the prestigious award which provides $30,000 per year in scholarship funds to attend medical school.

Students line up to attend the first of four orientation sessions held earlier this summer at East Central Community College in Decatur. Officials expect enrollment to surpass a record 3,000 students when fall classes begin Thursday, August 19.

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ACADEMICS

In the area of academics, EC offers coursework for more than 160 programs of study, and those course credits are guaranteed to transfer to the state's four-year colleges and universities as a result of an articulation agreement with the four-year institutions.

And what is the success rate of East Central Community College students continuing their education on the university level?

For more information on the College's academic courses, contact Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction, 601-635-6202.

ONLINE COURSES

The College offers a variety of online courses through the Mississippi Virtual Community College. Students register through ECCC for classes available over the Internet. A complete list of courses can be found at www.msvcc.org.

For more information contact Dr. Chris Jenkins, dean of distance learning, 601-635-6322.

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Participates in EC orientation

Top photo, John Clifton Pope, right, of Philadelphia was among students who attended orientation activities held recently at East Central Community College in Decatur, in preparation for the fall semester. Pope is shown receiving assistance in planning his class schedule from Leann Shirley, surgical technology program director/instructor. Bottom photo, Raimyll Griffin, right, of Philadelphia receives assistance in planning her class schedule from Haywood Reeves, mathematics instructor. Students who plan to enroll at ECCC this fall who have not registered for classes are encouraged to attend orientation scheduled Friday, Aug. 13. Fall classes begin Thursday, Aug. 19. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. (EC Photos)

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At ECCC orientation

Carmen Blaylock, left, was among nontraditional students who attended orientation activities held Thursday, July 15, at East Central Community College in Decatur, in preparation for the fall semester. Blaylock is shown receiving assistance in planning her class schedule from Martie Vaughn, associate degree nursing program instructor. Students planning to enroll at ECCC this fall who have not registered for classes are encouraged to attend orientation scheduled Friday, Aug. 13. Fall classes begin Thursday, Aug. 19. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. (EC Photo)

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At nursing orientation

First-year Associate Degree Nursing students at East Central Community College in Decatur recently participated in orientation activities in preparation for the fall semester. Purpose of the two-day session is to familiarize the 72 class members with various aspects of college life. Dr. Betsy Mann, dean of healthcare education, is shown addressing the group during one of the information sessions. Fall semester classes begin Thursday, Aug. 19. For more information on ECCC's health-related programs, contact Dr. Mann, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 294. The e-mail address is bmann@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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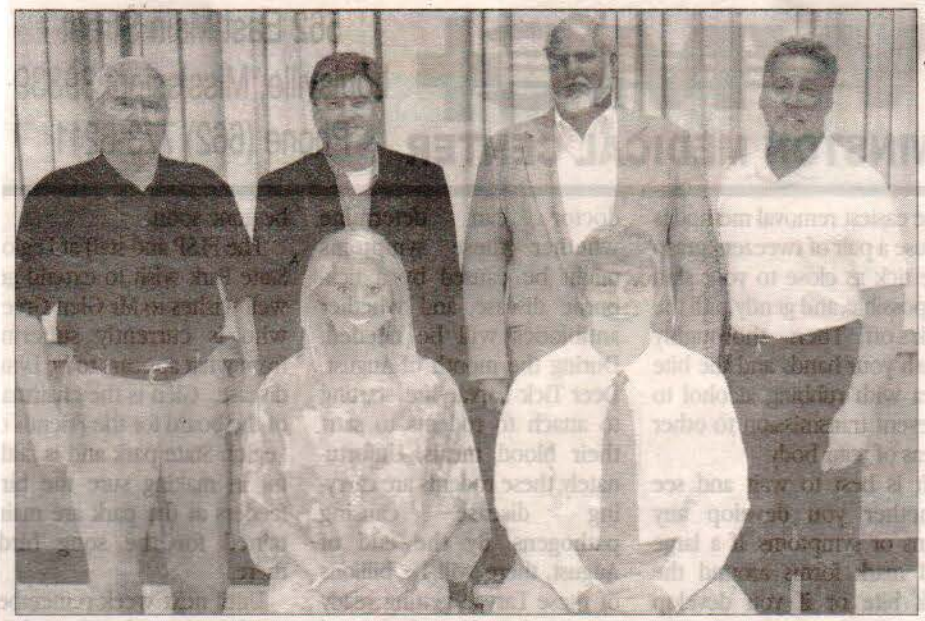

Winston County students (seated from left) Ashley Arthur of Winston Academy and Matthew Dempsey, a product of Louisville High School, are among recipients of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors Scholarships for 2010, presented to incoming freshmen at East Central Community College in Decatur. Also receiving a scholarship but not pictured is Bailey Hartness, a Winston Academy product. The presentation was made at the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 at ECCC. Representing the MAC are district supervisors (standing from left) Jerry Estes, Winston Academy; Kevin Cumberland and Keith Lillis, both of Neshoba County; and Jimmy Johnson, Newton County. ECCC serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. (EC Photo)

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Orientation activities were held recently for new practical nursing students in preparation for fall classes at East Central Community College in Decatur. Part of the day's activities included an "introduction" to SIM Man by Melanie Pinter, practical nursing instructor. SIM Man is a high fidelity mannequin that is used as a teaching tool for fundamental skills as well as advanced skills. "He can breathe, talk, cough, etc., and can basically do anything a human can do except walk," said Pinter. Students take care of SIM Man as if he were a real patient." Students also received information from various College areas including Student Services, Technology Management and Financial Aid. Nursing school philosophy, policies and ethics were also presented to the 30 students who will begin classes for the 12-month program on Thursday.

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'Be all that you can be

Special to The Star

Tiffany Rushing was in the 11th grade when she dropped out of high school in 1999.

Rushing knew leaving school was a mistake, but she kept putting off the decision to return to the classroom – until she recently enrolled in GED (General Educational Development) classes offered by East Central Community College.

Rushing, now 29, was among 70 students who recently received their high school equivalency diplomas from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin at the 2010 GED Graduation held on the Decatur campus.

Not only was the Union resident one of the proud graduates, she was also one of three students who provided testimonials.

During her remarks, Rushing recalled her struggles after becoming a high school dropout.

"Just like many of you, I felt so incomplete," Rushing stated before a packed audience in Huff Auditorium. "I wanted more for my education but time after time I stuck it (returning to school) on the back burner."

Rushing said one night while she slept, "it all came to me like a shooting star."

"I knew I could do better for myself ... so I got busy and made the first step that put me back on the path that God had for me," she explained. "I enrolled in the GED program here at EC."

Rushing said she soon realized she could achieve her goal, thanks to the support and encouragement from her instructors and family.

"Mrs. (Mary) Burt, Mr. (Bryan) Burt and Mr. (Ed) McGowan had so much confidence in me that I knew I could do all things through Christ who strengthened me," she said. "Thanks also to my wonderful husband and children for their help and inspiration."

Rushing, who plans to continue her education in the near future, challenged others who do not have a high school education to take the next step.

"As I speak to you (tonight), let's focus on the following thought: "Be all that you can you be – by going back to school and getting your GED!"

Jean Brown, a resident of the House community in Neshoba County, also provided a testimonial.

Brown, who dropped out of school while an eighth grader in 1982, has three grown children and four grandchildren. She said watching her children receive their high school diplomas provided the inspiration she needed to return to the classroom.

"I remember watching with pride as each one received a diploma," she remarked. "I thought to myself, 'someday I will do that.' But the older I got, the more I thought, 'No way, I'm too old ... And how can it help me any way?' Then I realized that the only one standing in my way – was me!"

Brown began taking GED classes provided by ECCC at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center and soon her "dream" was realized.

"Now I stand here at age 42 as a GED graduate!" she exclaimed. "Thanks to my teachers, Mrs. (Susan) Hisaw and Mrs. (June) Fulton, my dreams are coming true. I will start classes at ECCC in August with hopes of pursuing a degree in culinary arts technology."

Brown, who also expressed appreciation to family members for their support, encouraged others in need of a GED to enroll in classes "and have your dreams come true, too."

Angela Cage, 41, of Conehatta, was the third speaker and recalled how she dropped out of school as a 16-year-old eighth grader and soon began a family while living in Lake City, Fla.

"I became a mother at age 18, and over the next few years had three more children," Cage said. "I realized at that point going back to school was not going to be possible. School was the last thing on my mind – my family was first."

But Cage changed her attitude about getting an education when she moved to Newton County in February.

"When asked about going back to school, I then realized how much I wanted and needed my education," she recalled. "So I decided at age 41 to get my GED. And now two months after my middle son's graduation from high school, I can stand here before you as a 2010 GED graduate!"

During her remarks, Cage also expressed appreciation to Frances Edwards and Marion Thornton "who have always believed in me and told me that I can accomplish my goals," she said. She also thanked ECCC and the GED instructors "for all their help to make our goals and dre a reality."

Cage, who plans to ma in computer programmin ECCC, concluded her remarks by encouraging others to pursue their edu tional goals:

"Nobody, no matter ho old or how bad their lives should give up on their ho and most of all their drea know you can do it; just li did."

Also receiving GED diplomas were Rodtrellius Amos, Flossie Hayes, Lyd Henderson, Tatyana Lewi and Jamarius Moore, all o Forest; Brittany Arringto Vossburg; Dorothy Barfie and Shalonda Singleton, b of Decatur; Kimberly Bat and Candice Wicker, both Pulaski; Kaylace Beatty, A Griffin, James Lee, Cody Lindsay, Stephanie Moore Tracy Moore, Dana Nelso and Jamarius Spann, all o Morton; Zachary Bishop, Tyricqwon Burks, Nikki Lawson and Kristopher W drop, all of Carthage; Jea Brown, Collinsville; Sher Bufkin, Sr., Freddie Dertinger, Danielle Dorm Courtney Ellingburg, Cla Gladney, Kevin Greer, Jan Griffin, Norman Griffith, Cadraious Houston, Samantha Ladd, Amber Maxwell, Nathaniel McBe Melissa Melancon, Keiwa Miller, Ryan Quintana, Ty Reese, Samantha Richard Jonathan Robinson, Shek Smiley, Wendy Tubby, Re nald Tucker and Jessica Ward, all of Philadelphia; Angela Cage, Conehatta; Christina Chamblee, Ashl James, Robert Munn, Tiff Rushing and Joshua Wilk erson, all of Union; Lisa Chaney and Kimberly Gil both of Little Rock; Angus Clark, Noxapater; Austin Dunsford, Tupelo; Dewa Evans, Meridian; Dorothy Ewing, Kara Massey and Cathy Oliphant, all of New Ashley Fulton, Preston; Audreanna Johnson and Crystal Johnson, both of Lena; Leanne Killen and Donald Moss, both of Wal Grove; and Daniel Brice L ford and Dakota White, b of Louisville.

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GED graduates, from left, Tiffany Rushing of Union, Jean Brown of Collinsville and Angela Cage of Conehatta provided testimonials at the annual commencement held recently at East Central Community College in Decatur.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

For more information on the College's ABE/GED Program, contact Ryan Clarke, director of adult basic education, (601) 635-2111 or call toll free, (877)462-3222, ext. 387.

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Area Graduates of ECCC GED Program...These Newton County residents received their GED (General Educational Development) diplomas at the annual commencement program held July 22, 2010, at East Central Community College in Decatur. First row, from left, are Natashia Holmes and Kara Massey, both of Newton; Tiffany Rushing, Union; and Angela Cage, Conehatta; (second row, from left) Cathy Oliphant, Newton; Lisa Chaney, Little Rock; and Shalonda Singleton and Dorothy Barfield, both of Decatur; (third row, from left) Christina Chamblee, Union; Dorothy Ewing, Newton; and Kimberly Gilbert, Little Rock. ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin presented diplomas to the approximately 70 graduates who received special recognition for their accomplishment. East Central offers free Adult Basic Education/GED – Preparation classes at various locations in the College's five-county district.

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A Proud Accomplishment!

These students received their high school equivalency diplomas at the annual GED (General Educational Development) Commencement held July 22, 2010, at East Central Community College in Decatur. ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin presented diplomas to the approximately 70 graduates who received special recognition for their accomplishment. Members of the GED Class of 2010 include (first row, from left) Natashia Holmes, Newton; Jean Brown, Collinsville; Melissa Melancon, Philadelphia; Tracy Moore and Stephanie Moore, both of Morton; Kara Massey, Newton; Amber Maxwell, Philadelphia; Charissa Gladney, Philadelphia; and Lisa Chaney, Little Rock; (second row, from left) Cadraious Houston and James Griffin, both of Philadelphia; Dana Nelson, Morton; Ariel Griffin, Morton; Kaylace Beatty, Morton; Angela Cage, Conehatta; Cody Lindsay, Morton; Wendy Tubby, Philadelphia; Candice Wicker, Pulaski; Tiffany Rushing, Union; and Danille Dorman, Philadelphia; (third row, from left) Dakota White, Louisville; Tyricqwon Burkes, Carthage; Lydia Henderson, Forest; Courtney Ellingburg, Philadelphia; Shalonda Singleton and Dorothy Barfield, both of Decatur; Tatyana Lewis, Forest; Jessica Ward, Philadelphia; Leanne Killen, Walnut Grove; Flossie Hayes, Forest; Kimberly Gilbert, Little Rock; and Freddie Dertinger, Philadelphia; (fourth row, from left) Brice Langford, Louisville; Dewayne Evans, Meridian; Samantha Richardson, Philadelphia; Kimberly Bates, Pulaski; Reginald Tucker, Philadelphia; Brittany Arrington, Vossburg; Shekera Smiley, Philadelphia; Dorothy Ewing, Newton; Cathy Oliphant, Newton; Christina Chamblee, Union; and Nathanial McBride, Philadelphia; and (fifth row, from left) Norman Griffith and Kevin Greer, both of Philadelphia; Kris Waldrop and Zach Bishop, both of Carthage; Robert Munn, Union; Tyler Reese, Philadelphia; James Lee, Morton; Augustine Clark, Noxapater; Jamarius D. Spann, Morton; Jason Swindle, Noxapater; Rodtrellius Amos and JaMarius Moore, both of Forest; and Austin James Dunsford, Tupelo. For more information on the College's GED Program, contact Ryan Clarke, director of Adult Basic Education, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 387. (EC Photo)

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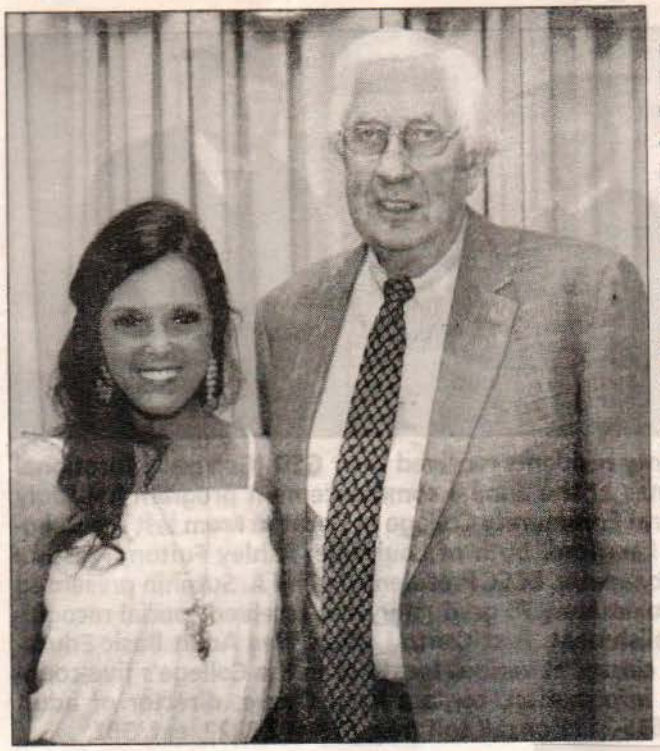

Raychal Reed (right) of Louisville is the 2010 recipient of the EC Scholars Scholarship, presented to incoming freshmen at East Central Community College in Decatur. The presentation was made at the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 at ECCC. Reed, a product of Winston Academy, is shown following the program with Dr. Bob Tom Johnson of Forest, president of the ECCC Alumni Association, scholarship sponsor.

Receive Taylor

Justin Sharp (left), a product of Louisville High School, and Brandon McFarland (right) of Neshoba Central High School, are the 2010 recipients of the Taylor Advanced Welding Scholarships, presented to incoming freshmen at East Central Community College in Decatur. The presentation was made at the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 at ECCC. The award winners are shown following the program with Rod Shealy of Taylor Machine Works, Inc. in Louisville, scholarship donor.

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EC Scholarships...

Area students at East Central Community College in Decatur were amog those receiving scholarships that will enable them to contiue their college classes. The AT&T Schoalrship Appreication L:uncheon has been a campus fixture since 2003.

Kimberly Joiner (left), a product of Newton County High School, and Union High School graduate Ashley Barnett are among Newton County-area students selected to receive Mississippi Association of Supervisors Scholarships for 2010, which are presented to incoming freshmen at East Central Community College in Decatur. Also receiving a scholarship but not pictured is Dana McKee of Sebastopol.

Courtney Lanier of Decatur, a Newton County High School grad, is the 2010 recipient of the Richard L. Harris Scholarship, presented to a returning sophomore at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Brooke Livingston of Union and a UHS grad, is the 2010 recipient of the James E. Land Scholarship, presented to an incoming freshman at East Central Community College in Decatur.

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Award winner

Haelie Allen, a graduate of Leake Academy, has been named the 2010 recipient of the Clayton Blount Scholarship, presented an incoming freshman at East Central Community College in Decatur. Presentation was made at the recent annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon at ECCC.

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Green Prepares ECCC Class Schedule...Lonnie Green (left) of Newton was among students who attended orientation activities at East Central Community College in Decatur, in preparation for the fall semester. Green is shown receiving assistance in planning his class schedule from Danny Gressett, machine shop technology instructor. SFall classes begin Thursday, Aug. 19. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Scholars

Area students at East Central Community College in Decatur were amog those receiving scholarships that will enable them to contiue their college classes. The AT&T Schoalrship Appreication Luncheon has been a campus fixture since 2003.

Jamie Truhett of Little Rock is a 2010 recipient of The Weems Family Scholarship. Truhett, a returning sophomore, is a product of Newton County High School.

Kameron Boulton, a product of Newton County High School, is the 2010 recipient of the Willis W. "Bubba" Smith Memorial Scholarship, presented to an incoming freshman at East Central.

Matthew Griffin of Union is the 2010 recipient of The Rev. John Lambert Neill Scholarship, presented to a returning sophomore at ECCC.

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Award winners

East Central Community College's cheerleading squad received various honors while participating in the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) College Cheer Camp held recently at the University of Alabama. The Warrior cheerleaders, who competed in the Junior College Division with other community/junior college teams from several states, placed second in fight song, third in sideline and fourth in the cheer competition. Team members and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) Katie Reeves, Zach Pigg and Whitney Myers, all of Newton County; Jacob Johnson, Nanih Waiya; Hailey Dunavant, Newton County; Drew Smith, Louisville; Whitney Stokes, Neshoba Central; and Dayton Johnson, Nanih Waiya; and (back row, from left) Ashley Amis, Newton County; Will Emmons, Lake; Ashlee Lee, Scott Central; Richie Ferguson, Newton County; Ashli Bell, Scott Central; Jesse Holloway, Newton County; Madison Nowell, Winston Academy; and Dustin Stewart, Louisville. Shelley Thoms serves as cheer coach. (Submitted photo)

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ECCC sets 'Meet the Warriors'

East Central Community College will begin the new athletic season by hosting the annual "Meet the Warriors Pep Rally" scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 31, on the Decatur campus.

Activities begin at 6 p.m. with performances by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band and cheerleaders.

Introductions of football and soccer team members are also scheduled and will be followed by remarks from coaches of both sports.

Members of the cheerleading squad and Centralettes, the dance line for the Wall O' Sound Marching Band, will also be introduced in addition to providing entertainment.

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Evans honored

Bobbie Evans, a 2010 graduate of Carthage High School, received the Hubert D. Gilmore Scholarship at East Central Community College, presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon. The scholarship was established in 2000 to benefit students needing financial assistance who agree to tutor other students who need academic help.

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Cumberland receives Automotive Manufacturers Scholarship

James Cumberland, a 2010 graduate of Sebastopol High School, is the recipient of the Mississippi Automotive Manufacturers Association Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured with the recipient is ECCC recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center Director Romonica Evans.

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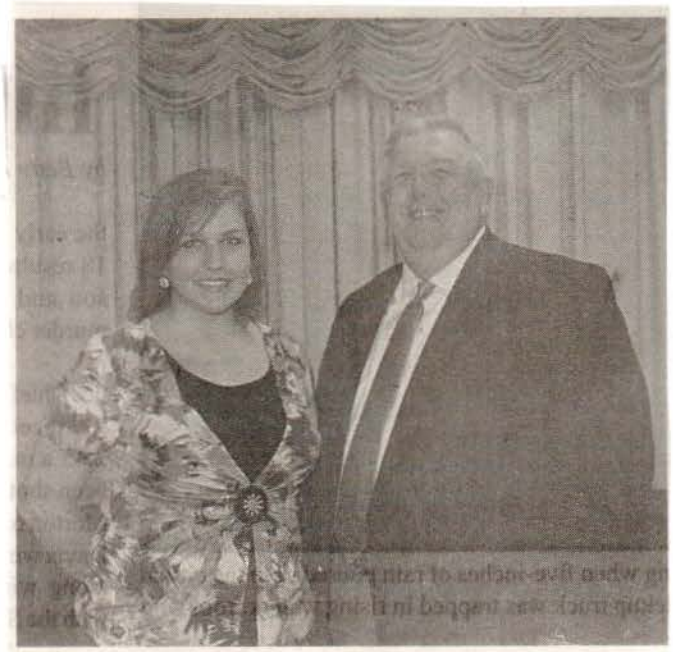

Gibbs Receives Bank of Morton Scholarship

Lindsey Gibbs (left), a 2010 graduate Morton High School, is the recipient of the Bank of Morton Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. She is pictured with bank representative Lindsley Keeton following the program. (EC Photo)

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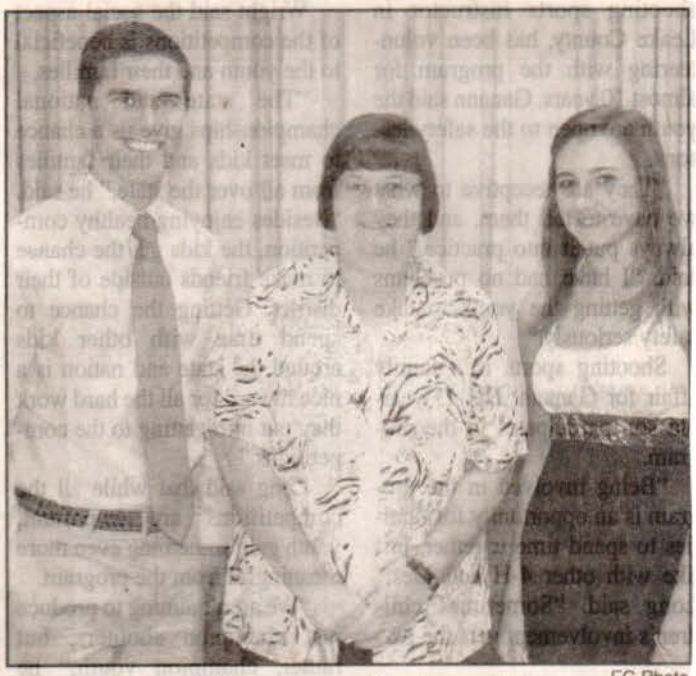

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Receives Myers scholarships

Jacob Whitney, left, and Amy Fiegenschue, right, both 2010 graduates of Neshoba Central High School, are the recipients of the Ben Myers Memorial Scholarships at East Central Community College in Decatur. The awards were presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured with the recipients is Jewell Parks of Philadelphia, who helped establish these scholarships in memory of her son, Ben, a 1997 graduate of East Central Community College who lost his life in an automobile accident in 1998.

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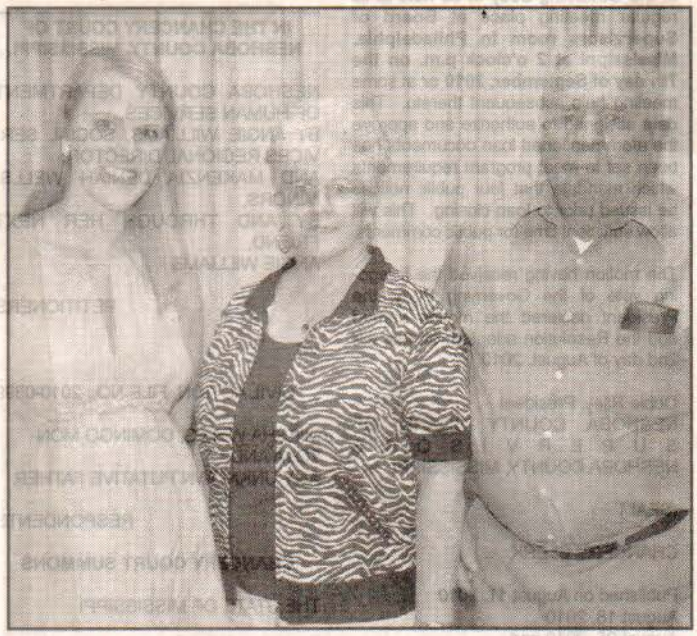
Receives scholarship

Sophomore Sandra Lyons, center, of Lucedale is the recipient of the State Farm Insurance Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. She is shown with local State Farm agents Sam Nowell, left, of Philadelphia and Bob Douglas, right, of Newton. This scholarship was established in 1999 by agents in the college's district of Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties and is awarded each year to a nontraditional student. (EC Photo)



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Receives Thomas scholarship

Channing Kinard, left, a 2010 graduate of Philadelphia High School, is the recipient of the Charles and Judy Dowdle Thomas Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. She is pictured with the Thomases, Judy, center, and Charles, right, following the program.

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PBL WINNERS

Displaying awards received at the 2010 Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference are the above students representing Theta Chi Chapter at East Central Community College in Decatur. Of the 13 ECCC students who competed, 11 placed in the top 10 in the annual competition held this summer in Nashville. Theta Chi received the most awards of any Mississippi chapter and was also recognized as a Gold Seal Chapter at the Southern Regional meeting. Award winners included Chance Hall of Forest, fourth, Parliamentary Procedures — back row far right.

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Lindsey Gibbs (left), a 2010 Morton High School graduate, is the recipient of the Bank of Morton Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon. She is pictured with bank representative Lindsley Keeton.

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East Central Community College sophomore Kiswana Burnside of Lake, is the recipient of the College's Ann Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship, which was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon. The scholarship was established in 1999 to honor Ann Hunter Burkes, a member of the ECCC class of 1963.

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ADN Scholarship

Howard Receives Harris ADN Scholarship

Amanda Howard (left) of Louisville is the recipient of the 2010 Nancy Auline Hiett Harris Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Also pictured are Nancy Harris (center) and her husband, Johnie Harris, both of Philadelphia. The Harris Scholarship was fully endowed in 1998 with a gift from an unnamed alumnus who had a keen interest in enhancing the quality of the College's Associate Degree Nursing program. It is named after Harris, who served as the first director of the ECCC ADN program. (EC Photo)

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Organizations/Clubs

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Go Warriors

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ECCC PRACTICAL NURSING GRADUATES

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Above left photo, new careers await the above graduates of East Central Community College's Practical Nursing Program, who were recognized at the program's annual pinning ceremony held recently in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Graduates and their respective hometowns include (first row, from left) Audra Walker, Newton; Brittany Powers, Carthage; Mallary Cumberland, Newton; Lakeisha Lyles, Forest; Sandra Lampkin, Decatur; and Casie McClendon, Morton; (second row, from left) Roshanda Butler, Lake; Tamika Brown, Meridian; Ashley Strebeck, Hickory; Jonee Brantley, Philadelphia; Kay Boswell and Rochell Moore, both of Louisville; and Jerekia Harris, Morton; (third row, from left) Monica Johnson, Brandon; Jamaica Chapman, Newton; Nicki Sullivan, Louisville; Chassidy Smith, Decatur; Buffy Todd, Philadelphia; and Janet Ricks and Kenyatta Pace, both of Forest; and (back row, from left) Shan'Neeci Brown, Newton; Frankie Sullivan, Louisville; instructors Melanie Pinter, Theresa Cole and Alicia Lundstrom; Ashley Pettis, Philadelphia; and Ethan Lewis, Rose Hill. Frankie Sullivan, chosen Practical Nursing Student of the Year, delivered the commencement address. Other graduates participating in the program were Chassidy Smith, invocation; and Janet Ricks, benediction. ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin and Vice President for Instruction Dr. Lavinia Sparkman also participated in the program along with members of the practical nursing faculty and Dr. Betsy Mann, dean of healthcare education. **Above right photo**, Frankie Sullivan (left) of Louisville was chosen Practical Nursing Student of the Year at East Central Community College and received special recognition at the program's annual pinning ceremony held recently in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Sullivan, who served as class president, also delivered the commencement address. She is shown with Dr. Betsy Mann, dean of healthcare education.

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ECCC paramedic technology graduates

Graduates of East Central Community College's Paramedic Technology program received special recognition at the annual pinning ceremony held Aug. 5 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Set to begin their new careers are (seated from left) Jonathan Adkins, Union; Christina Gibbs and Chris Gibbs, both of Lake; Brandon Kelly, Butler, Ala.; and Monty Lewis, Philadelphia. Standing from left are Katrina Bryant, director of EMT-Paramedic Technology; Christopher Pearson, Union; Raymond Schendel, Lusk, Ala.; Jay Sharp and Ashley Tolbert, both of Philadelphia; Dale Yates, Union; and Mark Rushford, instructor of EMT-Paramedic Technology. For more information on the two-year program, contact Katrina Bryant, director, 601-635-2111 or call toll free; 877-462-3222, ext. 425.

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Receives scholarship

Corey Willis, left, a 2010 graduate Neshoba Central High School, is the recipient of the Board of Trustees Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Willis is pictured with donor representative and board vice president Jack Winstead.

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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Ward

Pearson

Boggan

Rigdon

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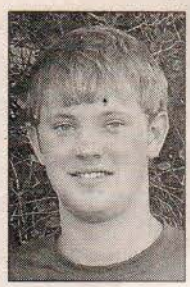
Blaine


Miller

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• **Samra Blake Ward** of Meridian was one of 14 students from Mississippi, two each from Alabama and Tennessee, and one each from Illinois, Wisconsin and Canada to enter the University of Mississippi this fall on prestigious scholarships as members of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College.

Providing $32,000 each, the McDonnell Barksdale Honors Scholarships, Donald S. Pichitino Scholarships and Harold Parker Memorial Scholarships attract exceptional students to Ole Miss to experience special academic opportunities at the Honors College.

Ward is a Barksdale Honors Scholarship recipient. Established in 1997 through a gift from alumni Jim and Sally Barksdale, the college provides undergraduate students from all disciplines with a vibrant center of academic excellence, merging intellectual rigor with public service, to help them become outstanding in their fields and engaged citizens of society.

During their freshman year, the students enroll in the Honors College interdisciplinary courses, which expose them to critical thinking in the arts, sciences and humanities. They also enroll in honors sections of courses across disciplines to fulfill Meridian Student Government sponsor.

• Mississippi State University-Meridian announces the first recipients of the Riley Next Step Scholarship.

Sixty-six outstanding transfer students from East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community College, Jones County Junior College and Meridian Community College have been selected to receive over $420,000 in scholarship money, made possible through a grant from The Riley Foundation and other generous benefactors. Recipients of the scholarship are known as Riley Scholars.?Each Riley Scholar received full tuition at Mississippi State University-Meridian for two years (four semesters – fall/spring). Riley Scholars who are members of Phi Theta Kappa also received additional funds over the two-year period to cover the published estimated cost of books.

Note: (Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)-3.25 cumulative GPA; Community College Recognition (CCR) – 3.0 cumulative GPA):

Riley Scholars from Meridian Community College: **Brittany Shanae Bohannon**, DeKalb, secondary education; **Jessica Paige Bonner**, Enterprise (PTK), elementary education; **Madison Cole** (PTK), social work; **Adella Rainer Gilbert**, Decatur (PTK), business; **Tara Rose Gilmer**, Walnut Grove (PTK), elementary education; **Candace Wade Graham**, Pulaski (PTK), elementary education; **Jennifer Shannon Graham**, Forest (PTK), business; **Brittni Rebecca Harris**, Decatur (CCR), secondary education; **Tora Lekea Hearn**, DeKalb (CCR), Interdisciplinary studies; **Leanna Paige Holsen**, Union (CCR), secondary education; **Kristen Paige Jones**, Newton (CCR), elementary education; **Michaela Lasha Lee**, Preston (CCR), social work; **Tiffany LeeAnn Lowery**, Walnut Grove, psychology; **Chasity Ann McAdams**, Kosciusko (CCR), elementary education; **Dominique Latesch McKee**, Newton (PTK), psychology; **Rachel Lynn Oatman**, Saucier (CCR), social work; **Emily Lauren Pace**, Newton (PTK), elementary education; **Amy R. Plaisance**, Union (PTK), elementary education; **Stephanie Lorraine Robinson**, Newton (CCR), elementary education; **Laura Mamie Shannon**, Union(PTK), elementary education; **Willie Kevin Vaughn**, Philadelphia (PTK), business; **Kristi Bell Wade**, Forest (PTK), elementary education; **Kanisha Shalois Warnsley**, Newton (PTK), social work:

dent Outreach Society, NCA Pride Club and Student Government Association. In addition, she was named to the National Honor Society, National Dean's List and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Purvis is a 2004 honor graduate of ECCC, where she was a member of the Warrior Corps, Concert Choir and Mu Alpha Theta, an honor society for math students. She was also the recipient of several scholarships.

She continued her education at Mississippi State University-Meridian and received a bachelor's degree in business administration in May 2006. Honors include her selection to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

She is married to Matt Purvis of Newton.

• **Anna Kathryn Blaine** has been selected to receive the Beverly Barham Memorial Scholarship at Meridian Community College.

This $400 award was initiated by the Dusty Social Service Club in 1990 and Berneice and Dwight Barham, now of Hattiesburg, have continued to fund it each year. Preference in selection is given to a member of the local group.

Blaine, a 2010 graduate of

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hours in their majors or to meet general academic requirements.

As early as their freshman year, students have the opportunity to do research, which produces an honor's thesis in the student's senior year.

The incoming group of scholars, posting an ACT average of 32.4 and average GPA of 3.96, includes seven National Merit Finalists.

Ward ranked No. 1 in her class of 388 at Meridian High School, where she won the French II Award, Ameila Graeser English Award and Jerry Reynolds History Award. An Academic Team Medalist, she was a regional Science Fair winner and Voice of Democracy Essay district winner. Winner of the Meridian Star Excellence in Journalism Award, she was her school's delegate to both the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference and Girls State.

Her service included work with Relay for Life, Salvation Army, and the Boys and Girls Club. Her observations of how students process and retain information have inspired her to double major in psychology and English, then teach or become a school counselor. Ultimately, she plans to continue her studies to become a cognitive psychologist.

• **Brittany J. Pearson** of Lauderdale attended Summer College for High School Students at the University of Mississippi from June 30-July 30.

Pearson, a student at Northeast Lauderdale High School, earned between 3 and 7 hours of college credit by taking UM faculty and staffled courses on the Oxford campus.

• **Matthew K. Boggan**, Ed.D., assistant professor of Education Leadership at Mississippi State University Meridian, was recently listed on the national honor roll of published writers by the National Forum of Educational Administration and Supervision. Boggan is also EDL cohort coordinator, PI/program director for Project LEAP and

Boutwell, Quitman (CCR), psychology; **Heath William Carroll**, Vicksburg, business; **Melanie G. Chambers**, Meridian (PTK), social work; **Emily Jo Crenshaw**, Union (PTK), social work; **Anna Kathleen Edwards**, Meridian (PTK), elementary education; **Donald Ramon Edwards**, Meridian (PTK), interdisciplinary studies; **Brittany Ashton Harden**, Meridian, social work; **Estella Lynn Hare**, Marion (PTK), business; **Sandi Lea Kelly**, Quitman (CCR), elementary education; **Megan Christian Kidd**, Enterprise(PTK), secondary education; **Chelsea Michelle Linton**, Meridian (CCR), elementary education; **Joshua Andrew Marks**, Meridian (PTK), business; **John Michael Mathis**, Meridian (PTK), psychology; **David Grant McDaniel**, Meridian(CCR), business; **Somer Adrian Moore**, Collinsville (PTK), business; **Hali Renea Morgan**, Meridian (CCR), elementary education; **Heather Gabrielle Partridge**, Meridian (CCR), elementary education; **Trisha Jo Rainer**, Toomsuba (CCR), business; **Amber Christine Tess**, Collinsville, elementary education; **Tomeka Latwyone Thedford**, Toomsuba (PTK), business; **Melody Ann Vaughn**, Porterville (CCR), undeclared; **Lauren Christina Walker**, Meridian (CCR), elementary education; **Lowell D. Wallace**, Meridian (PTK), social work; **Jacob Wyatt Williams**, Meridian (PTK), business; **Tammy Faye Willoughby**, Waynesboro (PTK), psychology; **Elizabeth St. Clair Woods**, Meridian (PTK), general liberal arts; **Kathy R. Wooten**, Scooba, elementary education

Riley Scholars from East Central Community College: **Myrial Shilandre' Brown,** Newton, psychology; **William Joseph Cunningham,** Union (CCR), social work; **Frank Dixon**, Philadelphia (PTK), business; **Mary Allie French**, Lake (PTK), business; **Kelly Demar George**, Philadelphia

Hannah Carol Watkins, Union, secondary education; **Anna Victoria Williams**, Newton (CCR), elementary education

Riley Scholars from East Mississippi Community College: **Laura Elizabeth Farrow**, Philadelphia (PTK), undeclared; **Gidget Diane Griffin**, DeKalb (PTK), elementary education; **Timothy W. Jewell**, Macon (PTK), business; **Matthew Lyle Johnson**, DeKalb, secondary education; **Tracy K. Naylor**, DeKalb (CCR), social work; **Christopher Mark Sudduth**, Macon (CCR), secondary education?Riley Scholars from Jones County Junior College: **Sheri Alison Blackledge**, Waynesboro (PTK), business; **Rose Eason Brown**, Ellisville (PTK), interdisciplinary studies; **Lindsay Ann James**, Bay Springs (PTK), business; **Jessica Lynn King**, Stringer, elementary education

• **Monica Rigdon** of Little Rock was recently named administrative assistant to the dean of healthcare education at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Rigdon served the past five years as an assistant in the college's Financial Aid Office. She is a 1982 graduate of Parkway High School in Bossier City, La., and received an associate of arts degree from ECCC in May 1984.

She is married to Bobby G. Rigdon Jr. They have a son, Adam Rigdon, a junior at Mississippi College.

• **Felicity Purvis** of Newton is a recent addition to the financial aid staff at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Purvis previously served as a financial aid specialist at Meridian Community College. She is also a former secretary at MCC's Career Development Center.

Purvis is a 2002 honor graduate of Newton County Academy, where she served as editor of the annual staff and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Stu-

Meridian High School, is a member of the Lady Cats Softball Team, Varsity Cheerleading Team and Key Club, she was a Wise Cat and was named to receive a service award. Blaine is past president of the Dusty Social Service Club. She is in the University Transfer Program with plans to complete the bachelor of science degree in nursing at the University of Southern Mississippi.

• **Andrew Lee Miller** has been selected to receive the first Milford Earl "Bob" Rawson Scholarship at Meridian Community College.

This award, funded through the MCC Foundation, was established by Kathy Brookshire to honor Rawson for Father's Day. A true Southern gentleman, he exemplifies what all fathers should strive to be.

Miller, a 2009 graduate of West Lauderdale High School, is a sophomore in the University Transfer Program. Miller works part time in an assistantship with MCC Promotions and volunteers as a counselor at Camp Rising Sun, a Mississippi summer camp for children surviving cancer. He plans to attend Auburn University and obtain a degree in architecture.

• **Jinna Alston** has been selected to receive the Madeline Scott Callahan Memorial Scholarship at Meridian Community College.

This $1,000 award is funded through the MCC Foundation from an endowment established by the East Mississippi Medical Alliance and Dr. Joel Callahan, Sr. Friends and family continue to support this fund. This award perpetuates the memory of Madeline Callahan and her "gift of giving."

Alston is a 2007 graduate of Penn Foster High School, an accredited online diploma program. A sophomore in the Dental Hygiene Program, Alston is a member of Health Occupation Students of America. Her long-range plan is to become a dental surgeon.

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These area high school seniors are receiving an early start pursuing their nursing degrees by participating in the Dual Enrollment Practical Nursing Program offered at East Central Community College in Decatur. Students enrolled in the state-funded program are able to take practical nursing courses free of charge on the Decatur campus while also attending their senior year in high school. Successful students are able to complete the program by the end of the fall semester of their freshman year in college. Participants and their respective high schools include (seated from left) Alice Pinkston, Union; Shelby Scarbrough, Newton County; Jamie Jones and D'Angela Lang, both of Newton; and (standing from left) LaFera Holt, Philadelphia; Cassie Clearman, Newton County; Todd Johnson, Forest; Chelsey Griffin, Newton County; and Shamaine Jones, Newton.

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ECCC students honored at National PBL contest

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GO WARRIORS: ECCC cheerleader Ashli Bell (held up by Dustin Stewart) shows her moves during 'Warrior Day' at the college last Tuesday. The Warriors football team travels to Senatobia Thursday to take on the Northwest Rangers. The game starts at 6:30.

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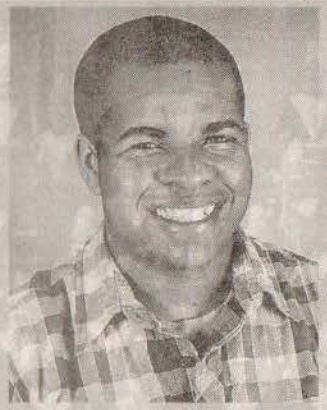
Band Name
East Central Community College's Wall O' Sound Band

Band officers
Brandon Boulton, Decatur, head drum major Courtney Mackey, Meridian, assistant drum major Matthew Dempsey, Louisville, assistant drum major Jessica Cherry, Carthage, clarinet section leader Chassidy Kelly, Carthage, flute section leader Gareth Driskill, Collinsville, trombone section leader Josh Sessums, Philadelphia, drumline tenor segment captain Travis Smallwood, Meridian, drum captain Shaquinta Ickom, Lake, saxophone section leader Audrey Cannon, Flowood, French horn section leader Natalee Ervin, Vicksburg, color guard captain Courtney Reinke, Collinsville, color guard co-captain Stacy Willis, Union, pit captain Danny Smith, Carthage, bass drum captain Graylon Foster, Philadelphia, trumpet section leader Ryan Gillis, Decatur, tuba section leader Proby Gammill, Lake, baritone section leader Erin Hall, Philadelphia, Centralette co-captain Lindsey Bishop, Sebastopol, Centralette co-captain Brewer McGee, Philadelphia, bass drum assistant captain

Directors
Thomas W. Carson, director of bands Ed Girling, assistant band director/percussion Instructor
Nichol Hillman, Centralette coordinator/choreographer
Janie Mayfield, color guard coordinator

This year's music
The '80' new wave music movement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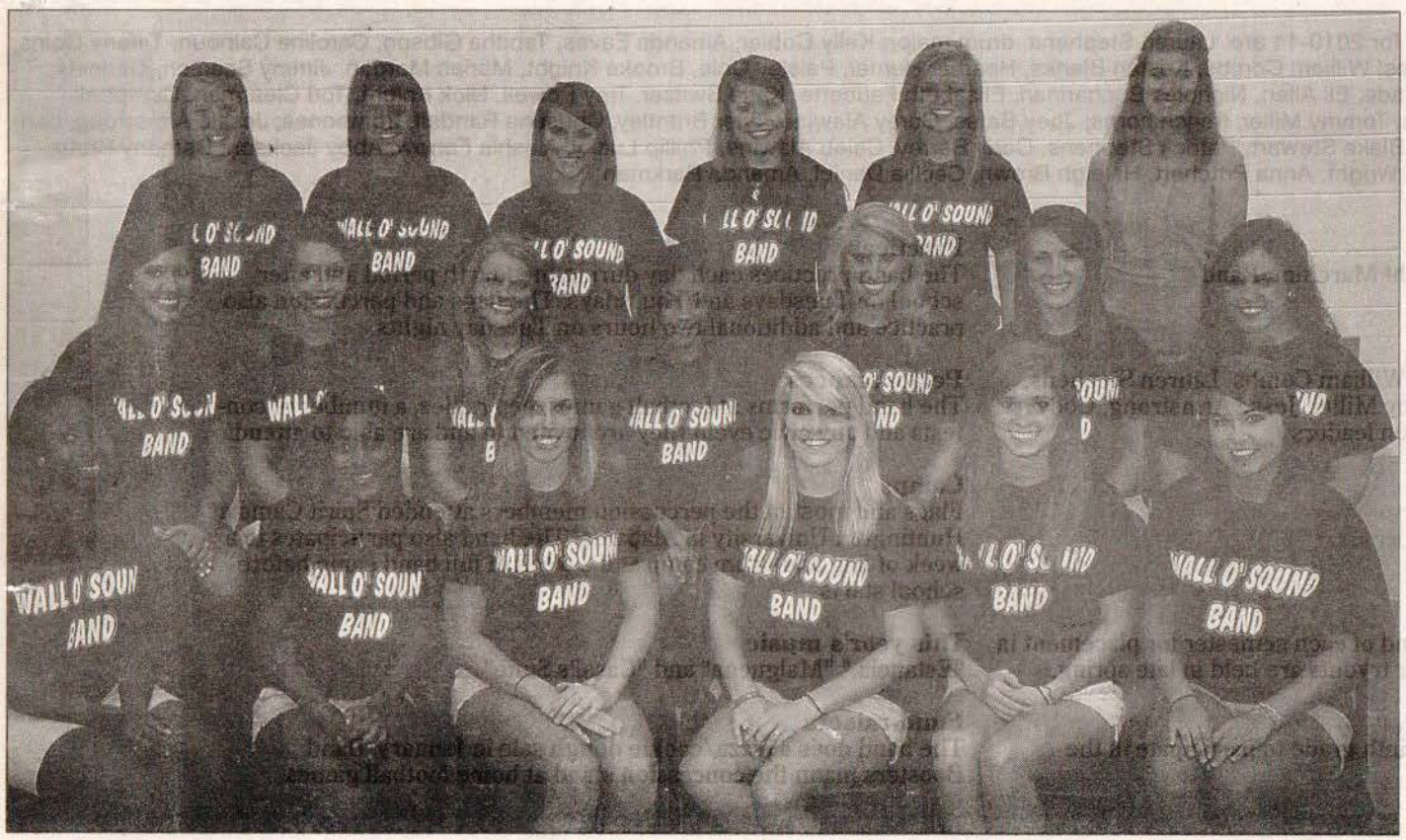

ECCC CENTRALETTES

Members of the East Central Community College Centralettes for 2010-11 are: front row, from left, Breshawn McNeal, Newton; Emily Hathorn, Louisville; Erin Hall, Philadelphia; Lindsey Bishop, Sebastopol; Sami Elkins, Forest; and Ariel Doggett, Edinburg; second row, from left, Ava Marie Adkins, Union; Marley Hanna, Forest; Mary Margaret Kirk, Noxapater; Erin Hathorn and Bailey Hartness, both of Louisville; Alyse Webb, Noxapater; and Raychal Reed, Louisville; and back row, from left, Ashley Arthur, Louisville; BaileeViverette and Loren Pullin, both of Union; Audrey Griffin, Louisville; Anna Leach, Sebastopol; and Nichol Hillman, choreographer/coordinator.

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Drum Majors
Brandon Boulton – Newton County
Matthew Dempsey – Louisville
Courtney Mackey – West Lauderdale

Color Guard
Alison Walker – Louisville
Courtney Reinke – West Lauderdale
Kim Ammerson – Newton County
Kelsey Sikes – Carthage
Ariel Brawner – Louisville
Kayla Brown –Scott Central
Brittany Snow –Neshoba Central
Lindsey Donald – Louisville
Megan Smith – Lake
Katie Woodruff –Louisville
Megan Edwards – Louisville
Beverly Stokes – Neshoba Central
Rachel Day –Neshoba Central
Natalee Ervin – Warren Central
Amber Gray – Lake
Danielle Brown – Newton
Rachel Sharp – Louisville
Ashleigh Savage – Neshoba Central
Tiffany Benson – Neshoba Central
Sarah Stewart – Neshoba Central
Lydia Cook – West Lauderdale
Shantesha Hall – Carthage
Shelby Powell – West Lauderdale
Kierra Ealy – Morton

Centralettes
Ava Marie Adkins – Union
Ashley Arthur – Winston Academy
Lindsey Bishop – Sebastopol
Ariel Doggett –Edinburg
Emily Hathorn – Louisville
Erin Hathorn – Louisville
Marley Hanna – Leake Academy
Bailey Hartness – Winston Academy
Erin Hall – Neshoba Central
Sami Elkins – Forest
Marty Kirk – Winston Academy
Anna Leach – Sebastopol
Breshawn McNeal – Newton
Loren Pullin – Union
Audrey Griffin – Louisville
Bailee Viverette – Union
Raychal Reed – Winston Academy
Alyse Webb – Noxapater

Featured Twirlers
Calvin Griffin – Carthage
JavossIya Walker- Newton

Flutes
Chassidy Kelly-Carthage
Brittany Bozeman-Neshoba Central
Lindsey Gibbs-Morton
Chelsea McMillan-Lake
Tiffany Neese-Neshoba Central
Lindsey Miller-Newton County
Summer Ward-Union
Lyndsey Adams-Carthage
Meghan McIntosh-Carthage
Kristy Athey-Morton
Malesha Clay-Union

Clarinets
Jessica Cherry-Carthage
Tyler Brewer-Forest
Jessica Kendrick-Neshoba Central
Caleb Raines-Newton County
Amanda Packer-Newton County
Carolyn Young-Neshoba Central
Hanna Burt-Neshoba Central
Valerie Holmes-Louisville
Demetira Coleman-Louisville
Brooke Boyd-Newton County
Kellie Black-Lake
Alicia Lewis-Lake
Ellen Gibbs-Newton County
Marquitta Moore-Newton
Samuel Goss-Louisville

Baritones
Proby Gammill-Lake
Kiswanna Burnside-lake
Avery Ward-Morton
Tiffany Sims-Newton County
John Ford-Carthage
Thomas Reeves-Carthage

Bari Sax
John Clifton Pope-Neshoba Central

Tubas
Ryan Gillis-Newton County
Jason Mann-Newton County
Clint Reynolds-Neshoba Central
Daniel Kersgaard-Morton
Patrick Reid-Louisville
Robert Warrick-Neshoba Central
Cody Addy-Newton County
Ethan Russell-Carthage
Kiery Stribling-Philadelphia

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AWARD-WINNING ECCC CHEERLEADERS

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Alto Saxes
Shaquinta Ickom-Lake
Cassie Munn-Newton County
Shawn Windham-Morton
Shatarra Ickom-Lake

Trumpets
Graylon Foster-Philadeplphia
Tracy McWilliams-Philadelphia
Bobby Branning-West Lauderdale
Ruby McCurdy-Carthage
Alisha Jones-Carthage
Georgia Donner-West Lauderdale
Brittany Neese-Neshoba Central
Jessica Edwards-Carthage
Jordan Hunt-Ackerman
Erin Moore-Carthage
Latia Peavy-Carthage
Eden McGee-Neshoba Central
Mika Smith-Carthage
Alvin Johnson-Carthage
Sammy Wilson-Newton County
Shatarra Donald-Lake
James Cumberland-Sebastopol
Yashika Ickom-Lake
Raven Ball-Louisville

Mellophones
Audrey Cannon-East Rankin
Xavier Rogers-Louisville
Austin Jay-Union
Tamara Boatman-Lake

Trombones
Gareth Driskill-West Lauderdale
Tyler Yates-Newton County
Alex Chappell-Union
Brecia Hornesburger-Louisville
Brennan Graves-Choctaw Central
Marlon Evans-Philadelphia
Josh Richardson-Neshoba Central
TJ Anderson-Neshoba Central
Kameron Boulton-Newton County

Percussion
Danny Smith – Carthage
Doug Janz – Louisville
Justin Collins – Scott Central
Travis Smallwood – West Lauderdale
Jordan Brownlee – West Lauderdale
Kelsey Ladnier – West Lauderdale
Colby Horton – Neshoba Central
Ryan McClendon – Forest
Nicholas Willis – Philadelphia
Joey Smith – Philadelphia
Josh Sessums – Philadelphia
Owen Turcotte – Neshoba Central
Nathan Ethridge – West Lauderdale
Matt Mason – Union
Brewer McGee – Neshoba Central
Brandon Davis – Newton County
Lauren Lurk – Newton County
Stacy Willis – Union
Tiffany Hennington – Newton County
Dale Roberts – West Lauderdale
Ashley Moore – Leake Academy
D. J. Harris – Sumrall
Chadeidra Hunt – Lake
Jacoquyn Rasco – Lake
Brandi Jones – Carthage

Managers
Dustin Skinner –Neshoba Central
Robert Hisaw – Nanih Waiya
Eric Trosper – Nanih Waiya
John Cherry – Nanih Waiya
Tanner McGee – Neshoba Central
Band Announcer:
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wife's memory in providing ECCC scholarship

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Dr. Frank Bowen of Carthage, right, is shown with Christina Nollie, a 2010 graduate of Carthage High School and the first recipient of the Frank and Bobbie McPhail Bowen Scholarship, presented at the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held earlier this summer for students at East Central Community College in Decatur. Also pictured is Nollie's father, Worthy Nollie.

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2,992 is record enrollment at EC

A record 2,992 students are enrolled in fall classes at East Central Community College in Decatur.

EC President Dr. Phil Sutphin said the new record is a 5.3 percent increase over the previous record of 2,841 students who registered for the fall 2009 term.

"We are again faced with doing more with less," said Dr. Sutphin in reference to state budget cuts which amounted to approximately $800,000 the previous fiscal year.

EC has raised tuition for a second-straight year to make up the funding shortfall.

As of May 2010, tuition increased to $895 per semester. Room and various other fees were also increased while Board (meals) fees remained the same.

In addition to increasing tuition and some fees, Dr. Sutphin said the College has implemented various cost-cutting measures to its $19 million-plus budget.

"We have done just about all we can do to cut costs, including limiting travel, purchases, etc.," said Dr. Sutphin. "But with the increased enrollment, we have more students to serve, which makes it a challenge to provide the quality education and services they deserve. It's the same old song for us and the other community and junior colleges, and that is to continue to do more with less."

A new two-story science building is currently under construction near Cross Hall, where science classes are currently held.

The $4.1 million dollar facility, named in memory of longtime biology instructor and division chairman Ron Davis, will include state-of-the-art laboratories for science students. State bond funds accumulated in recent years provides the financial resources for the project, expected to be completed in 2011.

The College has also added new parking areas to accommodate the record number of students attending classes.

"Parking is always a challenge for college campuses and we are doing all we can to accommodate the many students who drive to the Decatur campus to attend classes," said Randall Lee, Vice President for Student Services.

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Fall 2009 and Fall 2010 Preliminary Enrollment Figures

Institution	Fall 2009 Enrollment (as of September 17th)	Fall 2010 Enrollment (as of September 3rd)	Percent Change
Coahoma Community College	2,644	2,741	3.7%
Copiah-Lincoln Community College	3,797	4,047	6.6%
East Central Community College	2,658	2,992	12.6%
East Mississippi Community College	5,141	5,797	12.8%
Hinds Community College	11,764	13,600	15.6%
Holmes Community College	6,729	7,185	6.8%
Itawamba Community College	7,771	8,393	8.0%
Jones County Junior College	5,330	5,740	7.7%
Meridian Community College	4,150	4,283	3.2%
Mississippi Delta Community College	3,258	3,482	6.9%
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	10,295	10,415	1.2%
Northeast Mississippi Community College	3,673	3,743	1.9%
Northwest Mississippi Community College	8,293	8,756	5.6%
Pearl River Community College	5,099	5,488	7.6%
Southwest Mississippi Community College	2,216	2,138	-3.5%
System Totals	82,818	88,800	7.2%

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ECCC Welcomes Area Students for 'Be Our Guest Night'

Area high school students will be special guests of East Central Community College Thursday, Sept. 16 when the Warriors host Itawamba Community College at 6:30 p.m. at Bailey Stadium on the Decatur campus.

"We encourage all area high school students to come enjoy a night of exciting football on us," said Randall E. Lee, vice president for student services. "For those who have not attended a Warrior football game, you will be surprised not only with the exciting competition on the field but also with the talent of our amazing cheerleaders and Centralettes dance line, and one of the largest and best marching bands in the state, the Wall O' Sound!"

Lee said the special guests will be admitted free to the non-division battle with the Indians and will be recognized throughout the game. Door prizes will be awarded at the end of each quarter and one of the visiting students will have an opportunity to win free tuition for one semester by successfully kicking a 20-yard field goal during halftime activities. Tuition is currently set at $895 per semester.

East Central Community College serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties, and the surrounding area.

For more information on "Be Our Guest Night," contact Romonica Evans in Student Services, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 300. Her e-mail address is revans@eccc.edu.

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ECCC's Phi Beta Lambda Officers

Recently selected to lead East Central Community College's Phi Beta Lambda chapter are (seated from left) Chance Hall of Forest, president; Mindy Parker of Newton, vice president; and Bryan Wiseman of Newton, historian; and (standing from left) Tina Pittman of Forest, reporter; Mia Claiborne of Newton, treasurer; Christian Nollie of Carthage, parliamentarian; and Alexis Graham of Philadelphia, secretary. Phi Beta Lambda is the premier Business Education Association preparing students for careers in business and success in life. Its purpose is to foster a better relationship between one another and to cultivate a better understanding of business principles in general.

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ECCC Campus Leaders

Pictured above are 2010-2011 student government leaders at East Central Community College in Decatur. Students and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) freshman class officers Tyler Barrett of Decatur, president; Nicole Bounds of Newton, vice president; Alysse Webb of Noxapater, secretary; and Annalyse Thorne of Decatur, treasurer; (second row, from left) sophomore class officers Tamara McPhail of Pelahatchie, treasurer; Jenny Holyfield of Little Rock, vice president; Meredith McKee of Philadelphia, secretary; and Reggie Davis of Decatur, president; (back row, from left) Lindsey Bishop of Sebastopol, Student Body Association (SBA) president; Anna Alexander a homeschooler from Little Rock, SBA vice president; Laura Gunn of Forest, SBA secretary; and Ben Stewart of Grenada, SBA treasurer. Director of Housing/Student Activities Marcie Pinson serves as sponsor. (ECCC Photo)

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ECCC Homecoming Court

Members of the East Central Community College Homecoming Court for 2010 include (front row, from left) queen Emily Hathorn of Louisville and maid of honor Anna Alexander of Little Rock; (second row, from left) sophomore maids Meredith McKee of Philadelphia, Ariel Doggett of Edinburg and Lindsey Bishop of Sebastopol; and (back row, from left) freshman maids Nicole Bounds of Newton, Madison Nowell of Louisville, Ava Marie Adkins of Union and Ashlee Lee of Forest. (EC Photo)

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ECCC gospel choir reunion set

Former members of the East Central Community College Gospel Choir are invited to reunion activities as part of the college's homecoming Saturday, Oct. 2, in Decatur.

Brenda K. Johnson, longtime gospel choir sponsor, said a "meet and greet" at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at Logan's Steak House in Meridian will start the reunion.

The group is slated to meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, outside Bailey Stadium to attend the ECCC game with Hinds Community College.

A rehearsal will follow at 6 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Center in preparation for the gospel choir's reunion musical Sunday, Oct. 3, at 5 p.m. in the Vickers Auditorium.

Johnson said participants for the performance are asked to wear ECCC Gospel Choir Reunion T-shirts and jeans.

"We are asking everyone who plans to perform in the choir to pay $20 to cover the cost of T-shirts and refreshments," she said.

For more information, telephone Johnson at 601-683-6383, or e-mail Shemeka Cleveland at pnutbrown@yahoo.com or Terence Anderson at anderson0708@bellsouth.net.

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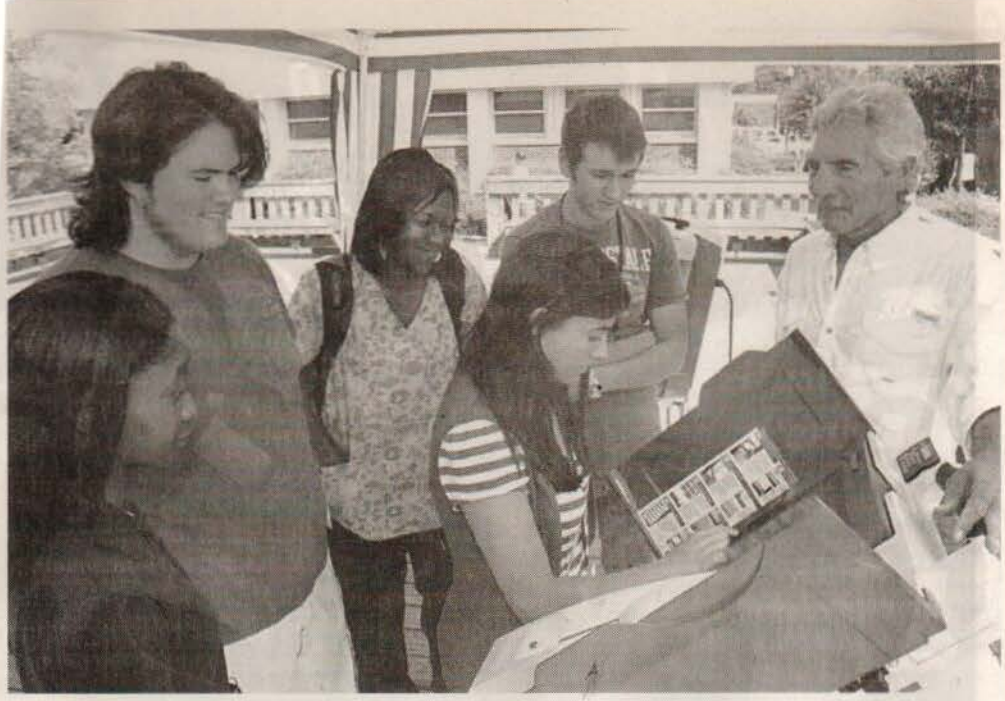

Learning How to Vote

Lydia Cook of Meridian learns how to use a voting machine during a voter registration drive held as part of Constitution Day activities Thursday, Sept. 23 on the East Central Community College campus in Decatur. Cook, a freshman and product of West Lauderdale High School, is shown receiving assistance in "casting" her ballot from Nicholas Leopoldus of the Newton County Election Commission while other ECCC students look on. From left are Carollyn Young of Philadelphia, Ethan Russell of Carthage, Brittany Smith of Lake and Andy Gibbs of Forest. Held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the East Mall area (between cafeteria and administration building), the one-day effort was coordinated by ECCC history instructors Dr. Phillip Crenshaw and Marc McCool. Other representatives from the Newton County Election Commission and Newton County Circuit Clerk's office provided assistance during the drive, which resulted in more than 200 ECCC students registering to vote. Students also received copies of the U.S. Constitution and brochures on voting provided by the Secretary of State's office. (EC Photo)

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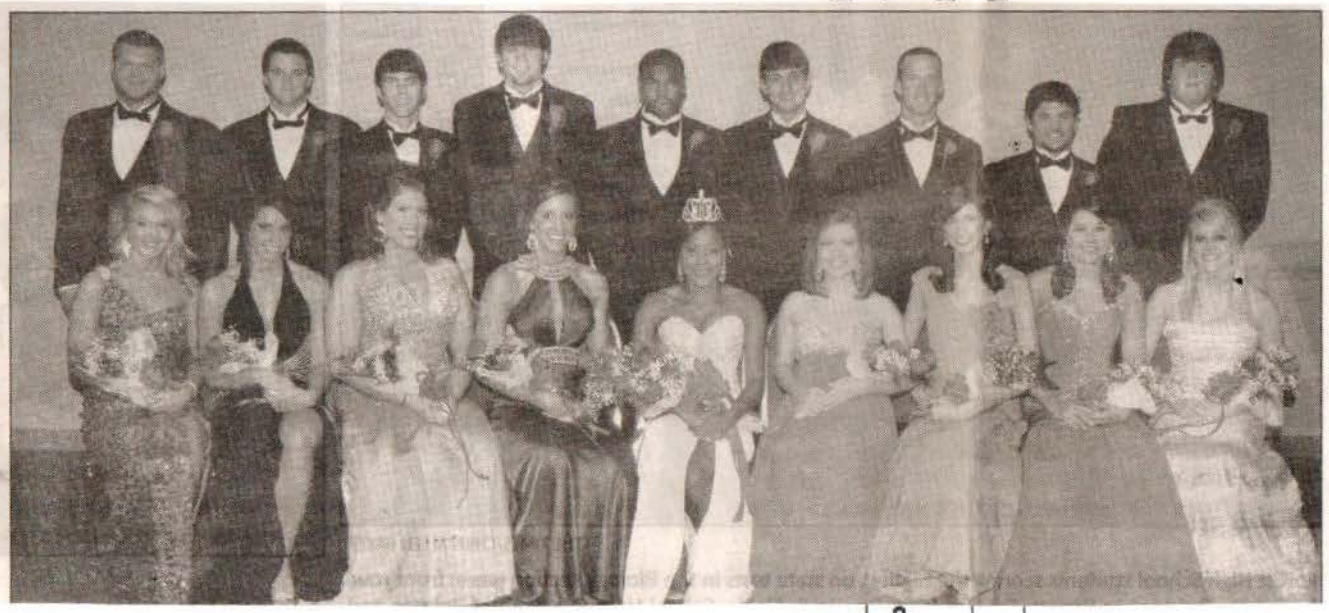

Members of the 2010 East Central Community College Homecoming Court included (seated, from left) freshman maids Ashlee Lee of Forest, Madison Nowell of Louisville, Nicole Bounds of Newton and Ava Marie Adkins of Union, queen Emily Hathorn of Louisville, maid of honor Anna Alexander of Little Rock; and sophomore maids Meredith McKee of Philadelphia, Ariel Doggett of Edinburg and Lindsey Bishop of Sebastopol; and (back row, from left) escorts Austin Lee of Forest, Caleb Kelly of Noxapater, Justin Adcock of Conehatta, Colby Little of Little Rock, Alvin Johnson of Carthage, Matt Griffin of Union, Joel McKee of Philadelphia, Colby Horton of Union and Josh Jarriel of Philadelphia. The court was presented Oct. 2, during halftime of the Warriors' 37-35 victory over Hinds Community College on the Decatur campus.

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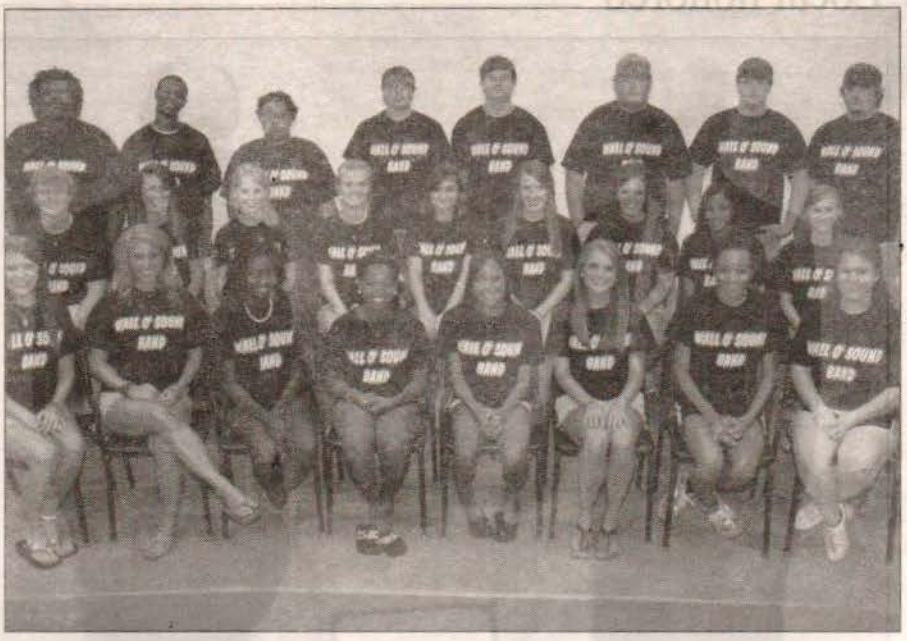

Winston County Members of ECCC Wall O' Sound Band

These Winston County area students are members of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College. Pictured are (front row, from left) Audrey Griffin, Bailey Hartness, Demetria Coleman, Valerie Holmes and Emily Hathorn, all of Louisville; Mary Margaret Kirk of Noxapater and Ariel Brawner and Alison Walker, both of Louisville; (second row, from left) Matthew Dempsey of Louisville, Alyse Webb of Noxapater and Rachel Sharp, Katie Woodruff, Megan Edwards, Ashley Arthur, Raychal Reed, Erin Hathorn and Lindsey Donald, all of Louisville; and (back row, from left) Samuel Goss, Xavier Rodgers, Brecia Hornesbuger, Patrick Reid and Doug Janz, all of Louisville; and Robert Hisaw, Eric Trosper and Jon Cherry, all of Nanih Waiya. Thomas W. Carson serves as director of bands. The Wall O' Sound makes its first public performance Thursday, Sept. 2, during halftime of the ECCC vs. Northeast Mississippi Community College football game scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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Pictured above are 2010-2011 residence council members at East Central Community College in Decatur. Students and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) Summer Richardson of Union, Chelsea Rigdon of Union, Hannah Clay of Lake, LaTia Peavy of Carthage, and Carolline Young of Philadelphia; (back row, from left) Dustin Cushman of Scott Central, Matt Griffin of Union, Perry Stroud of Lake and Chris Thames of Decatur. Director of Housing/Student Activities Marcie Pinson, a Forest native, serves as sponsor.

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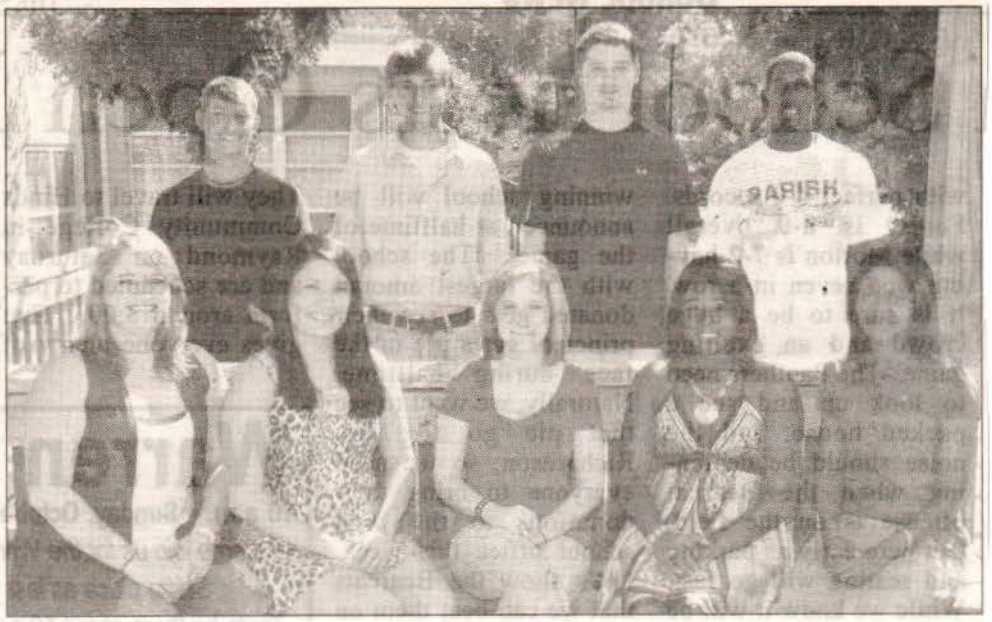

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Webb Receives Covington Scholarship

Alyse Webb (left), a 2010 graduate Noxapater High School, is the recipient of the W.R. Covington Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured with the recipient is ECCC recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center Director Romonica Evans. (EC Photo)

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Scholarship award-

Receives ECCC Hudspeth Scholarship

Brittany Burton (left) a 2010 graduate of Winston Academy, is the recipient of the Hudspeth Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. At right is ECCC recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center Director Romonica Evans. The Hudspeth Scholarship was established in 1998 by Henry Bane "Bubba" Huspeth and his wife, Faye McCully Hudspeth, of Louisville. It is awarded annually to a high school graduate from Winston County. (EC Photo)

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Scholarship awarded

Receives US Motors Scholarship

Tate Rogers, a 2010 graduate of Louisville High School, is the recipient of the U.S. Electrical Motors Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. He is pictured with the ECCC academic counselor Lanette Hanna following the program. (EC Photo)

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Receives Lathem Scholarhip

Hillary Hobby, a 2010 graduate of Noxapater High School, is the recipient of the Andrew Wilson Lathem Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured with the recipient is ECCC academic counselor Lanette Hanna. This scholarship is awarded annually by the family of Andrew Lathem, a Sebastopol native and member of the ECJC Class of 1940. (EC Photo)

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Dickerson Scholarship

Frey Receives Dickerson Scholarship

Sophomore Stewart Frey (left) of Nanih Waiya is the recipient of the Opal McMullan Dickerson Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. She is pictured with ECCC academic counselor Lanette Hanna following the program. This scholarship was established by the Marion McMullan family in memory of their daughter, Opal. (EC Photo)

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Mayes Scholarship

Nowell Receives Mayes Scholarship

Madison Nowell (left), a 2010 graduate of Winston Academy, is the recipient of the Thomas Rudolph Mayes Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured with the recipient is Jackie Mayes Etie of Decatur, who, along with family and friends, established the scholarship in 1998 in memory of her father, Rudolph Mayes. Mr. Mayes served 28 years as an English instructor at the College.

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Hathorn Receives Dr. Austin Boggan Scholarship

Erin Hathorn (left), a 2010 graduate of Louisville High School, is the recipient of the Dr. Austin P. Boggan Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon held July 20 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. This scholarship was established in 1998 by friends and family of the late Dr. Boggan, a Decatur physician for more than 40 years. It is awarded each year to a freshman pre-medicine major. Pictured with the recipient are Dr. Boggan's widow, Iris Boggan (center), and his granddaughter, Natalie Boggan May (right). (EC Photo)

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Car accident claims Union woman

from staff reports

Jessica Cager

A weekend car accident in Neshoba County has claimed the life of a Union woman.

Jessica L. Cager, 24, died Sunday afternoon when she lost control of her car and hit a tree, the Mississippi Highway Patrol reported.

The accident occurred on Hwy. 21, near the Dixon Community in Neshoba County.

Cager was a 2004 Union High School graduate and earned an A.A. degree in Liberal Arts from East Central Community College in Decatur in 2008.

At ECC she was a member of the Wall O' Sound Band's Color Guard, Concert Choir, Ac'cents Show Choir and Gospel Choir.

Ac'cents director Vicki Blaylock remembered Cager as a talented musician.

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"She had a laugh that was contagious and on stage, she performed with such enthusiasm," Blaylock said.

"She will be missed and her memories with us will be cherished".

Cager had also worked at Piggly Wiggly in Union since high school.

Store owner Jim Ogletree said she was "really outgoing, and had a good sense of humor."

"Everybody here liked her a lot-she was a good kid," he said.

Funeral services are scheduled for this Saturday, October 23 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Greater Rose Hill M.B. Church in Union.

Visitation for the immediate family will be from 1-2 p.m on Friday and public visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. at Beck Funeral Home in Philadelphia.

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'Smoke on the Mountain' cast

Cast members for East Central Community College's presentation of "Smoke on the Mountain," include, from left, front, Lindsay Gibbs of Forest, Shelby Hall and Summer Richardson, both of Union; Kelsey Hill of Nanih Waiya, Haleigh Parker of Foxworth, Nickie Farmer of Hickory and Sydney Mosley of Shubuta; back, Josh Jarriel of Philadelphia, Jo-Jo Grimes and Mark Gross, both of Union, Dustin Cullen of Carthage and Scott Rivers of Union. The dinner theater production is set for 7 p.m. Nov. 4-6 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria in Decatur. Tickets are $15 and may be reserved by telephoning 601-635-6215.

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ECCC 5K Winner

Jesse Vaughn, right, of Decatur took top honors in the annual East Central Community College 5K Run held October 2 as part of homecoming activities. Nina Labue of Decatur was the overall female winner. Dr. Phillip Crenshaw, (left) ECCC social science instructor, served as race director.

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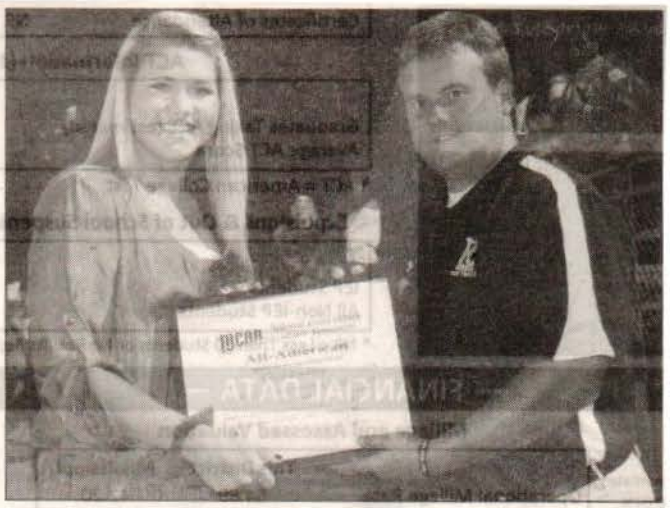

Buckley Presented All-American Award

East Central Community College standout softball player Kasie Buckley (left) of Little Rock is shown receiving a framed certificate from head coach Scott Hill in recognition of her selection as an NJCAA Division II All-American following the Lady Diamond Warriors' championship 2010 season. The presentation was made during halftime of ECCC's football game with Jones County on October 14. Buckley, a freshman shortstop/pitcher, was chosen on the 12-member All-American squad as a utility player. She also received Most Valuable Offensive Player honors during the national tournament held in Normal, Ill. The Newton County High School product finished the season with a .475 average and had 13 home runs, three triples, 21 doubles, and 55 RBIs. She also posted a 16-3 record in the pitcher's circle with a 2.30 ERA.

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Bluegrass and gospel are highlighted....

Dinner theater opening at EC

Traditional and blue grass gospel songs and stories of faith and beliefs provide the setting for the East Central Community College Players' dinner theater production of "Smoke on the Mountain" by Constance Ray, scheduled at 7 p.m. Nov. 4-6, in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

Set in the 1930s, this musical tale introduces the singing Sanders family, who perform their traditional and blue grass gospel songs for members of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, N.C.

Pastor Mervin Oglethorpe welcomes family members to the church, where their individual stories and beliefs are shared during the concert. The audience serves as members of the congregation.

The presentation includes a pleasant mixture of energetic rousing numbers, plaintive hymns and soulful praise songs. Selections vary from the widely known, such as "Wouldn't Take Nothing from My Journey Now" and "I'll Fly Away," to the more obscure songs, such as "Filling Station."

The presentation of the characters' faith and beliefs "is inspiring and personal, yet never preachy," according to a synopsis of the play.

Cast members and their respective hometowns include Josh Jarriel of Philadelphia, as Mervin Oglethorpe; Shelby Hall as Miss Maude, Summer Richardson as Miss Millie, Mark Gross as Burl Sanders, Scott Rivers as Stanley Sanders and Jo-Jo Grimes as Baby Brother, all of Union; Lindsey Gibbs of Forest, as Miss Myrtle; Sydney Mosley of Shubuta, as June Sanders; Kelsey Hill of Nanih Waiya, as Vera Sanders; Haleigh Parker of Foxworth, as Denise Sanders; Dustin Cullen of Carthage, as Dennis Sanders; Brandon Boulton of Newton, as Cousin Earl; Nikki Farmer as Cousin Grace and Jodiee Lawson as Cousin Bubba, both of Hickory; and Lyndford Seibel of Lawrence, as Cousin Willy. Joan Grimes serves as director.

The menu for each night's performance includes sliced brisket, fried chicken breast, "smashed" potatoes, green beans, glazed carrots, cornbread/rolls, assorted cheesecake, pecan and apple pie, and tea and coffee.

Tickets are $15 and can be reserved by calling the College Switchboard, 601-635-6215.

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Traditional and blue grass gospel songs and stories of faith and beliefs provide the setting for the East Central Community College Players' dinner theater production of "Smoke on the Mountain" by Constance Ray, scheduled at 7 p.m. Nov. 4-6, in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

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The presentation includes a pleasant mixture of energetic rousing numbers, plaintive hymns and soulful praise songs. Selections vary from the widely known, such as "Wouldn't Take Nothing from My Journey Now" and "I'll Fly Away," to the more obscure songs, such as "Filling Station."

The presentation of the characters' faith and beliefs "is inspiring and personal, yet never preachy," according to a synopsis of the play.

Cast members and their respective hometowns include Josh Jarriel of Philadelphia, as Mervin Oglethorpe; Shelby Hall as Miss Maude, Summer Richardson as Miss Millie, Mark Gross as Burl Sanders, Scott Rivers as Stanley Sanders and Jo-Jo Grimes as Baby Brother, all of Union; Lindsey Gibbs of Forest, as Miss Myrtle; Sydney Mosley of Shubuta, as June Sanders; Kelsey Hill of Nanih Waiya, as Vera Sanders; Haleigh Parker of Foxworth, as Denise Sanders; Dustin Cullen of Carthage, as Dennis Sanders; Brandon Boulton of Newton, as Cousin Earl; Nikki Farmer as Cousin Grace and Jodiee Lawson as Cousin Bubba, both of Hickory; and Lyndford Seibel of Lawrence, as Cousin Willy.

Joan Grimes serves as director.

The menu for each night's performance includes sliced brisket, fried chicken breast, "smashed" potatoes, green beans, glazed carrots, cornbread/rolls, assorted cheesecake, pecan and apple pie, and tea and coffee.

Tickets are $15 and can be reserved by calling the college switchboard at (601) 635-6215.

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ECCC's Phi Theta Kappa Inductees...These East Central Community College students were welcomed into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, during the fall induction ceremony held Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. From left are Bryan Matthew Wiseman of Newton, Brittany Hope Brown of Decatur, Richard Colin Braxton of Union, Sophia F. Riley of Philadelphia, Angela Dee Cruz of Union, Breshawn Calita McNeal of Newton and Dustin Marcus Cushman of Forest. Amy A. Walgamott, Phi Theta Kappa MS/LA Regional Coordinator, was guest speaker. Speech instructor Kate Covich serves as Theta Xi advisor. (EC Photo)

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Adkins, Pope Selected ECCC Pageant Winners... Ava Marie Adkins (fifth from left) of Union and John Clifton Pope (sixth from left) of Philadelphia were crowned Most Beautiful and Most Handsome, respectively, at East Central Community College Tuesday, Oct. 26, following pageant activities held on the Decatur campus. Those selected beauties and beaus included (from left) Ashley Amis and Tyler Barrett, both of Decatur; Brennan Graves of Lena, Sarah Breland of Philadelphia; Adkins, Pope, Donnatello Pittman of Lake, Summer Alexander of Little Rock, Matthew Griffin of Union and Mary Margaret Kirk of Noxapater. (EC Photo)

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Chief Martin remembered

Native American Club officers and sponsors at East Central Community College are shown with a bench the organization purchased in memory of the late Mississippi Band of Choctaws Chief Phillip Martin. Inscribed on the bench, prominently displayed on the Decatur campus, are the following words: "Before the road of education was paved with gold, it was all dirt and gravel, but with the vision of Chief Phillip Martin, now it is a better road to travel. Yakoki Chief Martin." ECCC posthumously honored Chief Martin with a Lifetime Achievement Award during homecoming activities held Saturday, Oct. 2. Seated from left are Nigel Allen of Carthage, NAC president; Anistasia Nickey of Philadelphia, vice president; and Brennan Graves of Lena, chaplain. Standing from left are Leslie Hughes, director of library services and Native American Club sponsor; Monte Issac of Philadelphia, treasurer; Crystal Frazier of Conehatta, secretary; and Elizabeth Minter, librarian and Native American Club sponsor.

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EC Gospel Choir reunion

These former members of East Central Community College's Gospel Choir are shown prior to their homecoming weekend performance in recognition of the group's 25th reunion. Pictured are (first row, from left) Kathy Sanders, Lake; Sharon Anderson, Carthage; Kimberly Trotter, Union; Yolanda Smith, Quitman; Dwayne Evans, Newton; Adrin Gordon, Meridian; Shalene S. Walker and Annie Brown, both of Forest; and La Tonya Hoye and Dianne Thames, both of Decatur; and Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson of Lawrence, Gospel Choir sponsor; and (back row, from left) the Rev. Marcus Mann, Brandon; Nichie Pittman-Gray, Lake; Subrina Hall of Amy Johnson, both of Carthage; Monica Patrick, Decatur; Terance Anderson, Carthage; LeVar Robinson, Morton; Shemeka Cleveland, Decatur; and Natasha Foster, Philadelphia. Mayor James Young of Philadelphia was guest speaker. Special entertainment was provided by the Scott County Youth Mass Choir. Other program participants included Monya Fletcher of Morton, director, Scott County Youth Mass Choir and introduction of master of ceremonies; the Rev. Marcus Mann, master of ceremonies, devotion and benediction; ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, welcome; Kathy Sanders, occasion; Sharon Anderson, introduction of encouragement speaker; Terance Anderson and Shemeka Cleveland, presentation; and Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson remarks. The reunion program was held Oct. 3 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center.

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ECCC Alpha Alpha Epsilon Members...Members of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers" at East Central Community College in Decatur for 2010-11 include (first row, from left) Justin Cain, Louisville; Pierre Miranda, Morton; Jeremy Pilgrim, Carthage; Chad Mangum, Aberdeen; James Cumberland, Union; (second row, from left) Andy Gibbs, Forest; Hayden Weaver, Decatur; Trey Herrington, Union; Dustin Cullen, Carthage; and (back row, from left) Robin Fulton, advisor/math instructor; Josh Jerriel, Philadelphia; Chance Sistrunk, Carthage; Anthony Loper, Union; and Haywood Reeves, advisor/math instructor. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Collegians to present concert Nov. 15

The Decatur campus of East Central Community College will once again be rocking to the sounds of the Collegians who will present their fall campus concert Monday, Nov. 15. The free program begins at 8 p.m. in Huff Auditorium.

The rock 'n' roll band will perform hits by Carrie Underwood, Mike Posner, Kesha, Blake Shelton and many more artists.

Group members and their respective high schools include vocalists Ava Marie Adkins and Bailee Viverette, both of Union; and Tyler Barrett, Jessy Harrison, Tiffany Spence, Richie Ferguson and Monica Vincent, all of Newton County; rhythm section members Jordan Vance (lead guitar) and Brandon Boulton (keyboards), both of Newton County; Colby "Rico" Horton (bass), Neshoba Central; Travis Smallwood (drumset), West Lauderdale; Stacy Willis (auxiliary percussion), Union; and wind section members Graylon Foster (trumpet), Philadelphia; Bobby Branning (trumpet), West Lauderdale; Ruby McCurdy (trumpet), Carthage; Audrey Cannon (mellophone), Northwest Rankin; and Tyler Yates (trombone), Newton County; and technicians Alex Chappell, Union; Justin Collins, Scott Central; Robert Hisaw, Louisville; Danny Smith, Carthage; Dale Alberts, West Lauderdale; and DJ Harris and Cole Stanley, both of Sumrall.

Thomas W. Carson serves as director and also plays rhythm and acoustic guitar for the popular group.

For more information, contact Thomas W. Carson, 601-635-6228 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 228.

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Art association fund raiser

The East Central Community College Student Art Association is offering a Christmas print as a fundraiser for the association and to benefit Stop Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Prints are hand-colored, limited edition linocuts, signed, numbered, matted, shrink-wrapped and ready to fit in 12-inch by 14-inch frames. Cost of each print is $15. Deadline for purchase is Monday, Nov. 29. Information on Stop SMA may be found at www.stopsma.org. For more information telephone Chris Brady at 601-635-6229 or, toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 229 or e-mail cbrady@eccc.edu.

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Receives scholarship

Christy Camp, left, of the Nevill community in Neshoba County is a recent recipient of the Stella Weathersby Newsome Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. This scholarship is given in honor of Stella Weathersby Newsome, who served ECCC as a literature instructor and in other capacities for 30 years. Camp, a 47-year-old medical coding major, received the honor from Randall Lee, right, vice president for student services. Camp is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges and Phi Beta Lambda. The career-technical student is a 1980 graduate of Union High School and is in her sophomore year after attending college at ECCC for the very first time. She previously worked in sales and marketing. She has two children and three grandchildren. Nontraditional student tuition scholarships are provided to students age 23 or older who meet the scholarship guidelines. For more information, contact Randall Lee in Student Services, 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 375. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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Adkins, Pope selected ECCC pageant winners

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ECCC Concert Choir performance features holiday favorites

The Christmas celebration gets an early start at East Central Community College, where the College's Concert Choir is preparing for its annual fall concert of holiday music scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010.

This year's program will be held at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur, to accommodate the approximately 70 members of the talented group, directed by music instructor Vicki Blaylock. There is no charge for admission.

Providing accompaniment will be music instructors Len Bobo on organ and Natalie Emmons on piano, and the ECCC Percussion Ensemble.

"Our concert this year will include both secular and sacred selections along with some wonderful Christmas music," said Blaylock. "We hope to fill the church to overflowing."

Selections include Hallelujah, Amen from "Judas Maccabaeus" by Handel; Shout Glory by Smith; Gloria! by Courtney; Candelight Carol by Rutter; Angels in Seven by Kern; The First Noel by Forrest; I Wish You Christmas by Rutter; and Personent Hodie by Kern.

Concert choir members and their respective high schools include sopranos Morgan Bailey and Nicole Franklin, both of Philadelphia; Brittany Bobo, Union; Audrey Cannon, Northwest Rankin; Hailey Dunavant, Jamiah Gallaspy, Kimberly Joiner, Katherine Kline, Courtney Lanier, Kelsie Mann, Lindsey Miller, Emily Pace, Katie Reeves, Heather Roebuck, Tiffany Spence, Whitney Myers, Polly Vaughn and Monica Vincent, all of Newton County; Kristen Everett, Forest; Nickie Farmer, French Camp Academy; Lindsay Gibbs, Morton; Marissa Gordy and Tamara McPhail, both of East Rankin Academy; Kelsi Hill, Nanih Waiya; Courtney Mackey, West Lauderdale; and Liz Withers, Neshoba Central; altos Ava Marie Adkins and Summer Richardson, both of Union; Anna Alexander, a home-schooled student from Little Rock; Ashley Amis, Celia Boggan, Cayla Engle, Ellen Gibbs, Jessy Harrison, Tiffany Hennington, Heather Hogue, Jenny Holyfield, Melody Mann, Andrea McSwain and Tiffany Sims, all of Newton County; Tiffany Benson and Megan Sharp, both of Neshoba Central; Jessica Cherry, Carthage; Hannah Clay and Laura Gunn, both of Lake; Brittany Harrison, Forest and Jeri Lyn Crosby, Scott Central; tenors Brandon Boulton and Ryan Gillis, both of Newton County; Matthew Dempsey, Louisville; Colby Harvey, Newton County Academy; Zack Hutson, McComb; Alvin Johnson and James Latiker, both of Carthage; Chris Johnson, Wingfield; Chad Mangum, Oak Hill Academy; and Chris Spence, Lake; and basses Tyler Barrett, Richard Ferguson, Cole Harris, Kirby Keith, Jason Mann, Tyler Reeves, Cody Strait and Tyler Yates, all of Newton County; Mark Gross and Austin Jay, both of Union; Tyler Comans, Sebastopol; and Josh Jarriel, Neshoba Central.

For more information on the College's Concert Choir, contact Vicki Blaylock, director, 601-635-6225 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 225. The e-mail address

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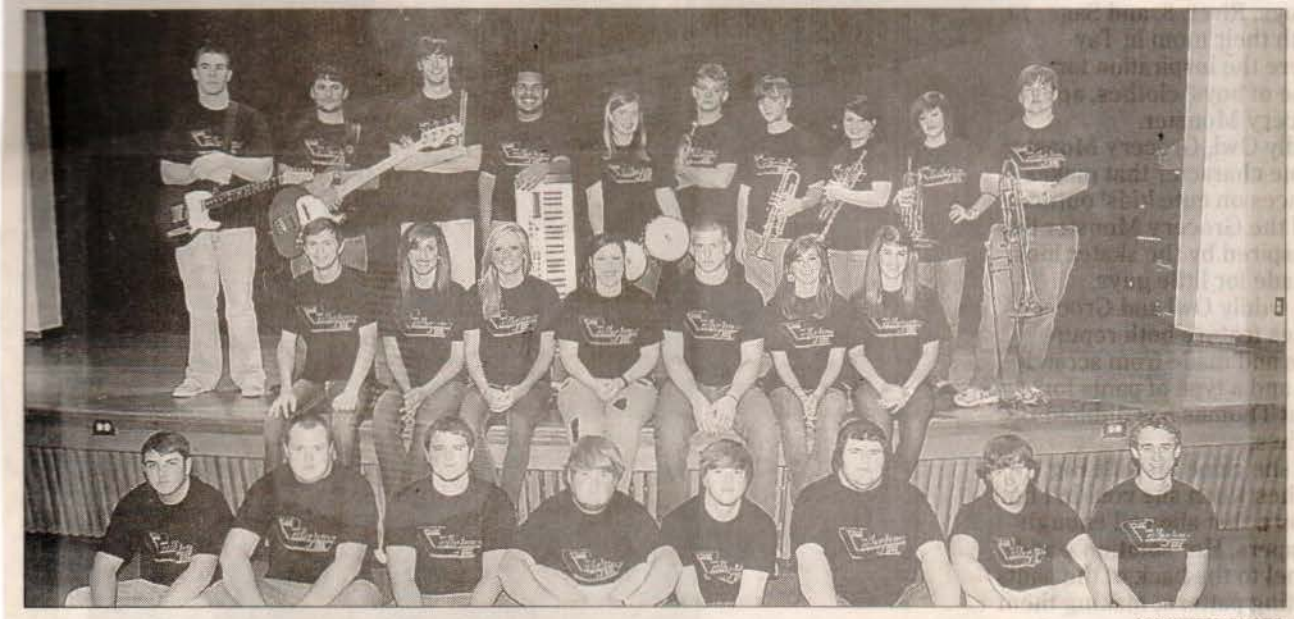

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The Collegians of East Central Community College will present their fall campus concert Monday at 8 p.m. in Huff Auditorium in Decatur. There is no charge for admission. The rock 'n' roll band will perform hits by Carrie Underwood, Mike Poser, Kesha, Blake Shelton and many more artists. Members and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) technicians Alex Chappell, Union; Justin Collins, Scott Central; DJ Harris, Sumrall; Robert Hisaw, Louisville; Cole Stanley, Sumrall; and Danny Smith, Carthage; and Dale Alberts, West Lauderdale; (second row, from left) vocalists Tyler Barrett, Newton County; Ava Marie Adkins, Union; Jessy Harrison, Tiffany Spence, Richie Ferguson and Monica Vincent, all of Newton County; and Bailee Viverette, Union; and (back row, from left) rhythm section members Jordan Vance (lead guitar), Newton County; Colby "Rico" Horton (bass), Neshoba Central; Travis Smallwood (drumset), West Lauderdale; Brandon Boulton (keyboards), Newton County; Stacy Willis (auxiliary percussion), Union; and wind section members Graylon Foster (trumpet), Philadelphia; Bobby Branning (trumpet), West Lauderdale; Ruby McCurdy (trumpet), Carthage; Audrey Cannon (mellophone), Northwest Rankin; and Tyler Yates (trombone), Newton County. Thomas W. Carson serves as director and also plays rhythm and acoustic guitar for the group.

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PHI BETA CONFERENCE

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These members of East Central Community College's Theta Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students, participated in the annual PBL Fall Leadership Conference held recently on the Decatur campus. Approximately 70 students representing PBL chapters throughout the state attended the one-day event, which included various workshops and networking opportunities among members. Seated from left are Mindy Parker and Ryan Gillis, both of Newton; Chance Hall, Forest; and Alexis Graham, Philadelphia. Standing from left are Belinda Alexander, Rachel Alexander and Nicole Ferguson, all of Philadelphia; and Mia Claiborne and Bryan Wiseman, both of Newton.

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Beauties

ECCC Top Ten Beauties

These young ladies were selected Top Ten Beauties at East Central Community College Tuesday, Oct. 26, following pageant activities held on the Decatur campus. From left are Raychal Reed of Louisville, Danielle Pierce of Union, Ashley Amis of Decatur, Sarah Breland of Philadelphia, Ava Marie Adkins (Most Beautiful) of Union, Meredith McKee of Philadelphia, Summer Alexander of Little Rock, Audrey Griffin of Louisville, Mary Margaret Kirk of Noxapater and LaTia Peavy of Carthage. (EC Photo)

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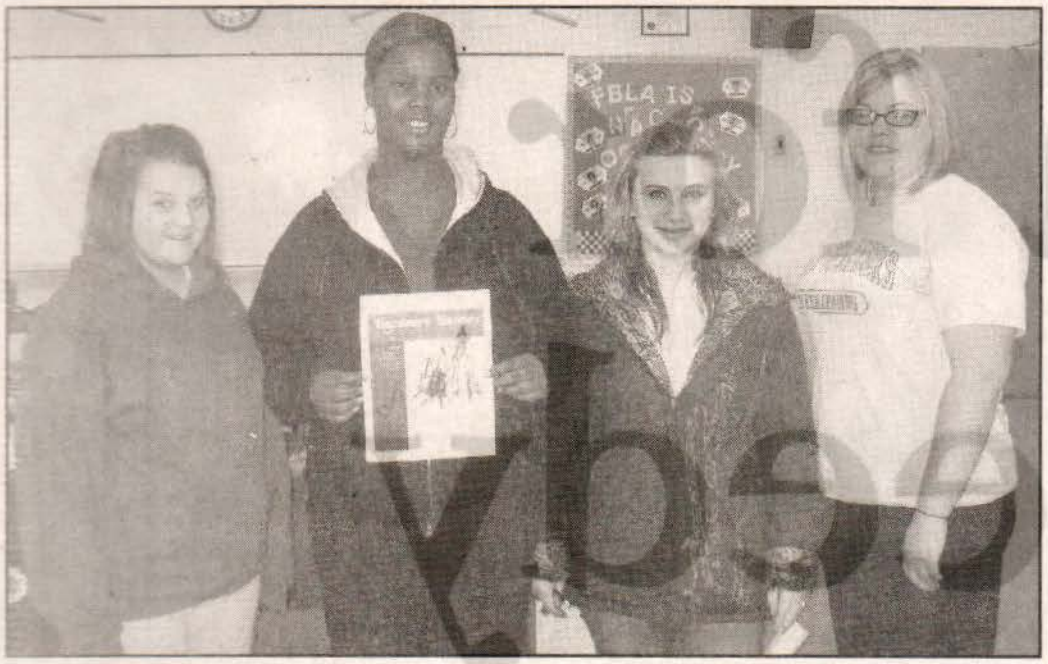

Wins awards

Information on owning and operating a business was recently presented to students at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center by members of East Central Community College's Theta Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students. Students in Bethany Lucas' business and computer technology class used the information to create an idea for a new business. The class was divided into groups and challenged to design advertisements for the various businesses, which ranged from a cupcake shop to a music store. Shown with their award-winning advertisement for the music shop, "Hardcore Encore," are class members , from left, Whitney Cumberland, Crystal Wilson and Summer Ramsey. At right is ECCC Phi Beta Lambda member Alexis Graham of Philadelphia.

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Ac'cents slate fall concert

The Ac'cents, East Central Community College's show choir, will present its free, fall concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium in Decatur.

For more information, telephone Vicki Blaylock, 601-635-6340, or, toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 340, or e-mail vblaylock@eccc.edu.

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The Ac'cents, East Central Community College's Show Choir, will present their fall concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium on the Decatur campus. There is no charge for admission. Selections include I Gotta Feeling by The Black-Eyed Peas; I See You from the movie Avatar; Higher Ground by Stevie Wonder; The Climb by Miley Cyrus; and No Air by Jordan Sparks and Chris Brown. Ac'cents members and their respective high school include (front row, from left) Tiffany Spence, Newton County; Matthew Dempsey, Louisville; Monica Vincent, Newton County; Laura Gunn, Lake; and Brandon Boulton and Jessy Harrison, both of Newton County; and (standing from left) Cody Strait and Polly Vaughn, both of Newton County; Zack Hutson, McComb; and Tyler Barrett, Courtney Lanier and Richard Ferguson, all of Newton County. ECCC music instructor Vicki Blaylock serves as director. Josh Jarriel of Philadelphia and Austin Jay of Union serve as sound technicians. (EC Photo)

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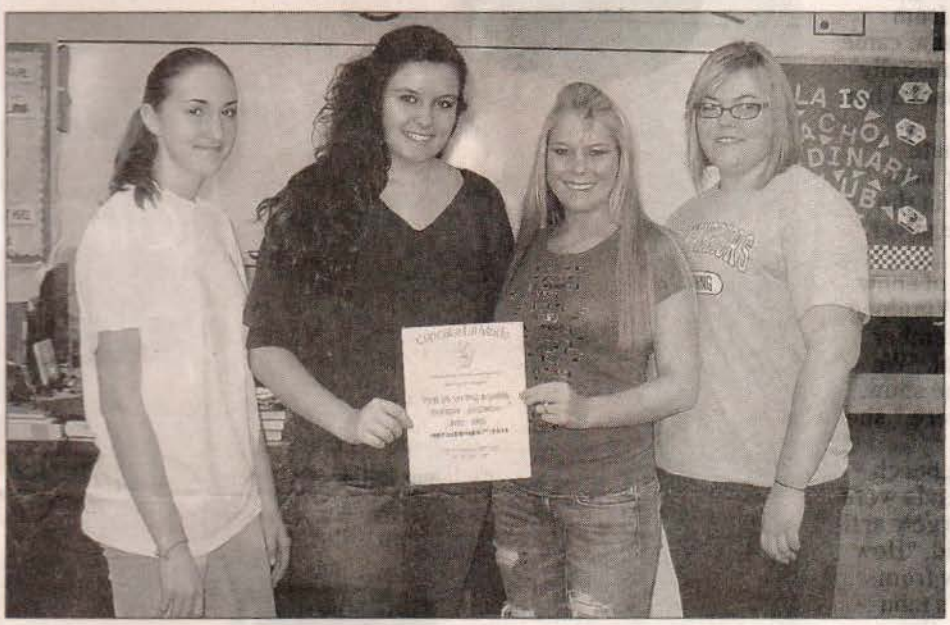

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Displaying their award-winning advertisement for "Cupcake LaMode" are the above business and computer technology students at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, who participated in a Free Enterprise Project sponsored by East Central Community College's Theta Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students. Phi Beta Lambda members presented information on owning and operating a business to the career-technical students in Bethany Lucas' class, who were divided into groups and challenged to design an advertisement for a business they created. The business "creations" ranged from a cupcake shop to a music store. From left are Courtney Nowell, Amber Kay and Reagan Thomas. At right is ECCC Phi Beta Lambda member Alexis Graham of Philadelphia.

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WEEK OF 12/5/10

ECCC Gospel Choir

Above are members of East Central Community College's Gospel Choir who are shown prior to their annual fall concert held Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (first row, from left) James Latiker, Carthage; Persephiney Wingo, Morton; Oshima McKee, Newton; Racheal Day, Philadelphia; Chrissy White, Carthage; Kycia Carter, Philadelphia; Chris Johnson, Jackson; Brecia Hornesbuger, Louisville; Shelton Banks, Lena; Chris Evans, Meridian; Carollyn Young, Philadelphia; Javossiya Walker and Danielle Brown, both of Newton; and Luvetrius McBeath, Philadelphia; (second row, from left) Kiery Stribling, Philadelphia; Deshawn Harris, Butler, Ala.; Chris Thames, Decatur; Keith Phillips, Carthage; Reggie Davis and A. J. Mapp, both of Decatur; Carnell Gray, Quitman; Charles Ford, Waynesboro; Tom Jackson, Louisville; Alvin Johnson, Carthage; Juanita Sims, Rose Hill; Raven Ball, Louisville; and Bianca Thomas, Forest; (third row, from left) Donnatello Pittman, Lake; Alonzo Oliphant, Louisville; JaDarious Tillman, Hickory; Gabriella Evans, Newton; Corsica Carter, Noxapater; Jessica Rushing, Pachuta; Tiffany Sims, Decatur; Shyann Pittman, Lake; Shantesha Hall and I'Oshore May, both of Carthage; and Shanna Mann, Walnut Grove; and (fourth row, from left) Brittany Parker, Decatur; Sharon O'Neal, DeKalb; Chadeidra Hunt, Philadelphia; Kierra Ealy, Morton; Asia Tingle, Newton; Andrea McSwain, Decatur; and Jasmine Battle, Pulaski. Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson of Lawrence serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

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EC students 'care'

These East Central Community College students representing Theta Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda are shown presenting various items to Diane Mills, community coordinator for the Care Lodge Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc., located in Meridian. The presentation was made prior to Mills' remarks on domestic violence held recently in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. From left are Chris Cremeen of Philadelphia, Lisa Jay and Bryan Wiseman, both of Newton; Victoria Pierce, Union; Mindy Parker, Newton; Alexis Graham, Philadelphia; Kimberly Ramsey of Carthage, Joe Morgan of Newton and Ms. Mills. Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for business students.

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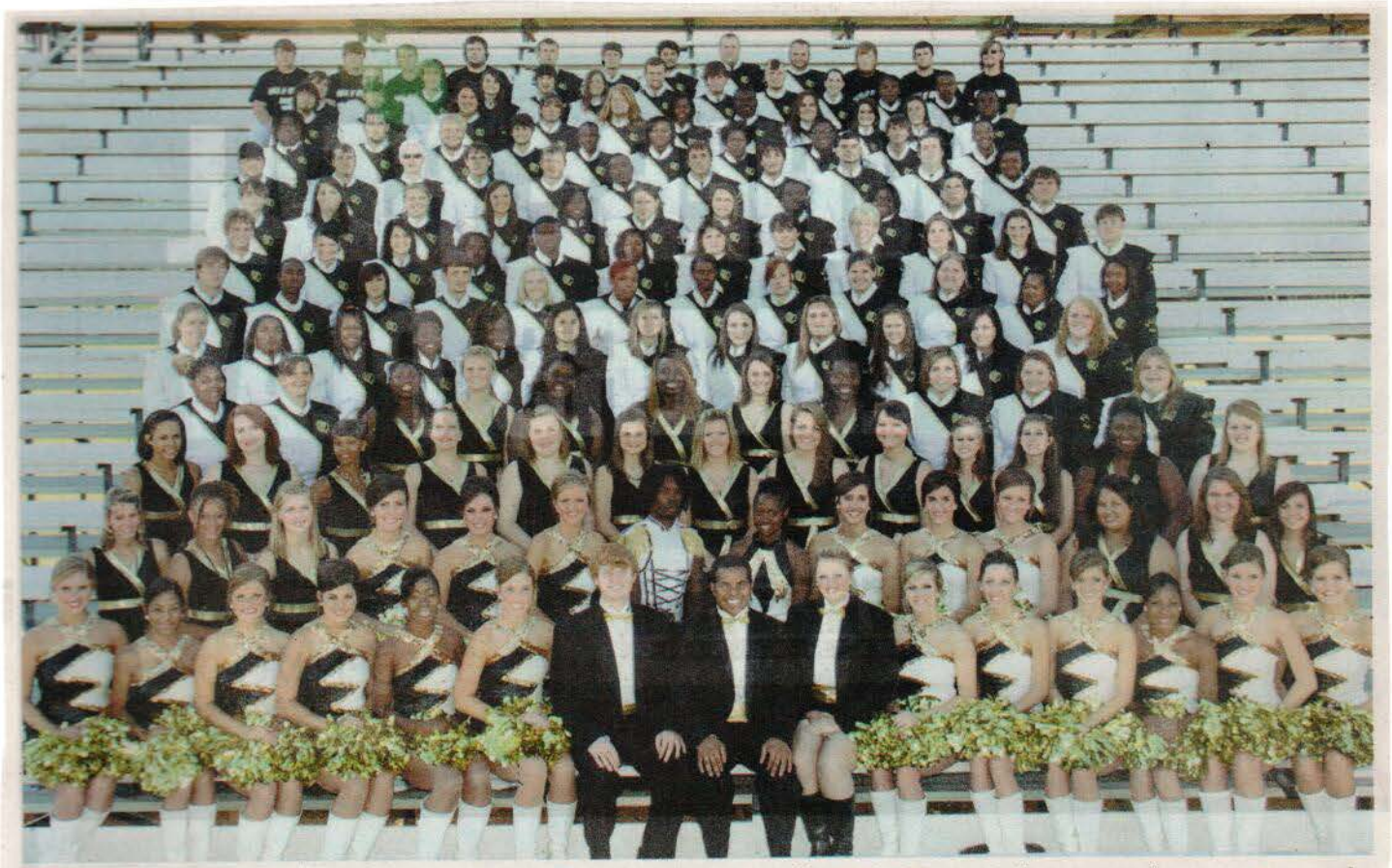

East Central Communuity College Wall O' Sound Marching Band

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ECCC BAPTIST STUDENT UNION MEMBERS

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Baptist Student Union members at East Central Community College in Decatur include (first row, from left) Brennan Graves, Lena; Matt Griffin, Union; Justin Cain and Laura Thornton Elliott, both of Louisville; Ava Marie Adkins, Union; Laura Gunn, Forest; Meredith McKee, Philadelphia; Marissa Gordy, Hillsboro; Sami Elkins, Lena; Clint Reynolds, Philadelphia; and Cody Strait, Hickory; (second row, from left) Brian Hancock, Philadelphia; Cody Harrell, Forest; Alex Chappell, Union; Owen Turcotte, Philadelphia; Dustin Cullen, Carthage; Zack Hutson, McComb; Chad Mangum, Aberdeen; Keith Phillips, Carthage; Evan Humphries, Louisville; DeShawn Harris, Butler, Ala.; and Frank "Chicken Man" Burkes, Carthage; (third row, from left) Terrence Hill, Cody Spence and Daniel Stribling, all of Philadelphia; Scott Rivers, Union; Josh Jarrriel, Philadelphia; Matthew Dempsey, Louisville; James Cumberland, Sebastopol; Austin Lee, Forest; John Blount, Philadelphia; and Cody Crenshaw, assistant BSU director; and (fourth row, from left) Scott Vaughn, BSU director; Jennifer Moore-Pope, Forest; Beverly Stokes, Philadelphia; Lindsey Miller, Decatur; Lindsey Bishop, Sebastopol; Anna Alexander, Little Rock; Nicole Franklin, Philadelphia; Polly Vaughn, Decatur; Audrey Cannon, Flowood; Erica Johnson, Philadelphia; Lydia Cook, Meridian; and Katelyn Jordan, Louisville.

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FREE ENTERPRISE PROJECT WINNER

Information on owning and operating a business was recently presented to students at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center by members of East Central Community College's Theta Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students. Students in Bethany Lucas' business and computer technology class used the information to create an idea for a new business. The class was divided into groups and challenged to design advertisements for the various businesses, which ranged from a cupcake shop to a music store. Shown with their award-winning advertisement for the music shop, "Hardcore Encore," are class members, from left, Whitney Cumberland, Crystal Wilson and Summer Ramsey. At right is ECCC Phi Beta Lambda member Alexis Graham of Philadelphia.

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ECCC Warrior Corps Members

These East Central Community College students from Scott County were recently selected for the Warrior Corps, a select group that assists in recruiting and serves as hosts and hostess for various events on the Decatur campus. Joining the prestigious organization are (first row, from left) Kiswana Burnside, Hannah Clay and Antrisa Butler, all of Lake; and (back row, from left) Ben Reiss, Forest; and Kayla Stevenson and Lindsay Gibbs, both of Morton. ECCC staff members Lanette Hanna and Romonica Evans serve as sponsors. (EC Photo)

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McKee Places Third in BSU Pageant...East Central Community College Gospel Choir member Oshima McKee (left) of Newton placed third in the Mr. and Miss Baptist Student Union Pageant held during the Fall 2010 Retreat at Jackson State University. At right is Gospel Choir member Donnatello Pittman of Lake, who was also a pageant contestant. Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson of Lawrence serves as gospel choir sponsor. (EC Photo)

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ECCC homecoming court

Members of the 2010 East Central Community College homecoming court included, from left, front, freshman maids, Ashlee Lee, Forest; Madison Nowell, Louisville; Nicole Bounds, Newton, Ava Marie Adkins; Union; queen, Emily Hathorn; Louisville, maid of honor, Anna Alexander; Little Rock; sophomore maids, Meredith McKee; Philadelphia, Ariel Doggett, Edinburg; Lindsey Bishop, Sebastopol; back, escorts Austin Lee, Forest; Caleb Kelly, Noxapater; Justin Adcock, Conehatta; Colby Little, Little Rock; Alvin Johnson, Carthage; Matt Griffin, Union; Joel McKee, Philadelphia; Colby Horton, Union; and Josh Jarriel, Philadelphia.

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Tech grads

ECCC Surgical Technology Program Graduates

Ready to begin their new careers are the above graduates of East Central Community College's Surgical Technology program, who were recognized during the annual pinning ceremony held Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, in Thrash Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (first row, from left) Jessica Williamson, Louisville; Jenna Delane Hatch, Morton; Jessica Michelle Coleman, Union; Laura Dianne Alexander, Little Rock; and Evelyn Smith, Newton; (second row, from left) Essica Smith, Cuba, AL; Leslie Fussell and Paige Harris, both of Louisville; and Nashima Thompson and Derick Sims, both of Philadelphia; and (third row, from left) Jimmy Andrews, Decatur; Codi Ingle and Dustin Stewart, both of Louisville; and Jovunius Miller, Meridian; and (top row) instructors Kristie Pilgrim and LeAnn Shirley, who conducted the pinning ceremony. Sims was also recognized as Surgical Technology Student of the Year. Also participating in the pinning ceremony were ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin and Vice President for Instruction Dr. Lavinia Sparkman. Graduate Joyunius Miller gave the invocation.

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EC students named to Who's Who

These East Central Community College students from Neshoba County were recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for 2010-11. Students are chosen for the prestigious honor based on their academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations. Front row, from left, are Abbie Joiner, Paige Richardson and Lauren Nicholas and back row, are Walter Stinson, Sara Breland, Meredith McKee and John Blount, all of Philadelphia. (EC Photo)

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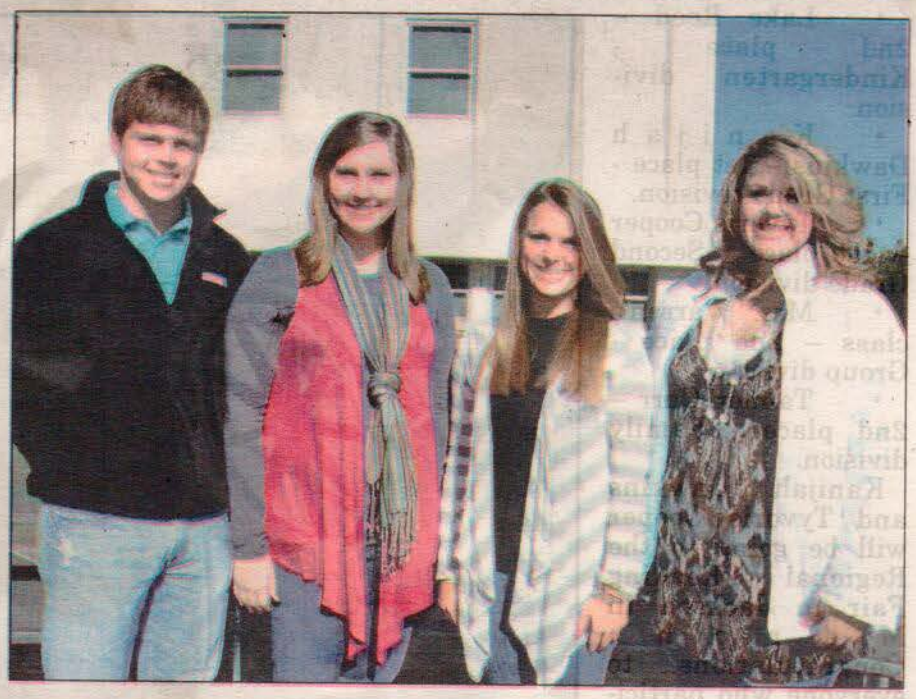

Winston ECCC Students Named to Who's Who

These East Central Community College sophomores from Winston County were recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for 2010-11. Students are chosen for the prestigious honor based on their academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations. From left are Tyler Dalton, Louisville; Meredith Jones, Nanih Waiya; Mary Margaret Kirk, Noxapater; and Kelsey Hill, Nanih Waiya. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 12/19/10

Surgical tech student of year at EC

Derick Sims (center) of Philadelphia was selected East Central Community College's Surgical Technology Student of the Year and received special recognition at the annual pinning ceremony held in Thrash Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Sims received the honor from program instructors LeAnn Shirley (left) and Kristie Pilgrim. The annual award is presented "to the student who all year long has shown a positive attitude and has excelled in the classroom as well as the clinical setting." Sims was among the 14 students who completed the two-year program. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 12/19/15

ECCC provides 'Toys for Tots'

Christmas dreams will become a reality for many area needy children thanks to the generosity of the staff and student body at East Central Community College in Decatur. The College recently participated in the U.S. Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots" campaign, an annual campus project coordinated by the career-technical division. Shown with hundreds of toys and other gifts are (standing from left) Wayne Eason, director of workforce education; sophomores Adriana Salgado of Sebastopol, Breshawn McNeal of Newton and Jenny Holyfield of Little Rock; and Staff Sergeant Anthony Walker of NAS Meridian, who serves as Toys for Tots coordinator for a nine-county area. (EC Photo)

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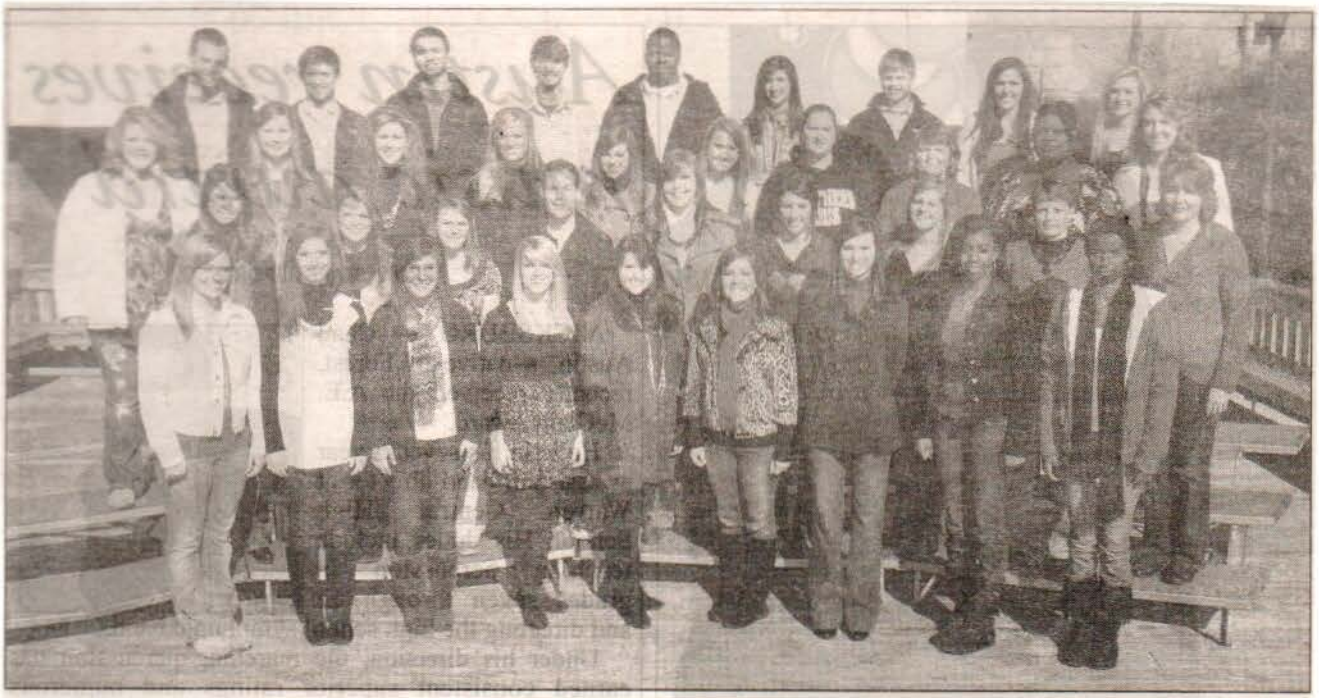

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Named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for the 2010-11 term are the above sophomores representing East Central Community College in Decatur. Students are chosen for the prestigious honor based on their academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations. Honorees include (first row, from left) Polly Vaughn, Decatur; Sami Elkins, Lena; Tamara McPhail, Pelahatchie; Lindsey Bishop, Sebastopol; Celia Boggan, Decatur; Anna Alexander, Little Rock; Hannah Peoples, Lawrence; Kiswana Burnside, Lake; and Shaquinta Ickom, Forest; (second row, from left) Ariel Doggett, Carthage; Mary Margaret Kirk, Noxapater; Kimberly Patterson, Lena; Colby Harvey, Lawrence; Jennifer Moore-Pope, Forest; Lauren Nicholas, Preston; Abbie Joiner, Philadelphia; Lisa Jay, Newton; and Tina Pittman, Forest; (third row, from left) Kelsey Hill and Meredith Jones, both of Nanih Waiya; Laura Gunn, Forest; Jessy Harrison, Little Rock; Monica Vincent, Decatur; Jenny Holyfield, Little Rock; Anna-Rose Blaylock, Newton; Barbara Rigdon, Little Rock; Mia Claiborne, Newton; and Brittany Brown, Decatur; and (fourth row, from left) Walton Stinson and John Blount, both of Philadelphia; Cole Harris, Decatur; Matt Griffin, Union; Reggie Davis, Decatur; Meredith McKee, Philadelphia; Tyler Dalton, Louisville; and Sarah Breland and Paige Richardson, both of Philadelphia.

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WEEK OF 12-26-10

ECCC names new Warrior Corps members

From press reports

New members of the Warrior Corps were recently selected at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Students in the prestigious group assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various campus events.

New members and their respective high schools include the following:

Ashley Barnett, Lorin Pullen, Chelsea Rigdon and Bailee Viverette, all of Union; Tyler Barrett, Nicole Bounds, Haley Chaney, Whitney Clearman, Hailey Dunavant, Kirby Keith, Katherine Kline, Lauren Lurk, Jason Mann, Brittany Parker, Caleb Raines, Katie Reeves, Annalyse Thorne, Monica Vincent and Tyler Yates, all of Newton County; Brittany Brown, Newton County Academy; Kiswana Burnside, Antrisa Butler, Hannah Clay and Kelsey Shaw, all of Lake; Brittany Burton, Bailey Hartness and Raychal Reed, all of Winston Academy; Lindsey Gibbs and Kayla Stevenson, both of Morton; Chance Hall and Audrianna Walker, both of Forest; Alvin Johnson, and LaTia Peavey, both of Carthage; Channing Kinard, Philadelphia; Courtney Mackey, West Lauderdale; Ben Reiss, Scott Central; Ben Stewart, Grenada; Jordan Vance, Trinity Episcopal, Natchez; and Alyse Webb, Noxapater.

These East Central Community College students from Winston County were recently selected for the Warrior Corps, a select group that assists in recruiting and serves as hosts and hostesses for various events on the Decatur campus. From left are Alise Webb, Noxapater; and Brittany Burton, Raychal Reed and Bailey Hartness, all of Louisville. ECCC staff members Lanette Hanna and Romonica Evans serve as sponsors.

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East Central CC Tennis teams sweep Holmes

East Central Community College tennis teams captured their first victories of the young season by defeating Holmes Community College in matches held Thursday, Feb. 18 on the Decatur campus.

The Warriors blitzed the Bulldogs 9-0 and the Lady Warriors cruised, 7-2.

In men's singles, Colton Amis defeated Tye Steele (6-2, 7-5); Will Marston clipped Joseph Dees (6-3,7-5); Zac White beat Chris Houghton (6-1, 6-3); Jason Hancock shut out Jerry Arnold (6-0, 6-0), Dee Walker beat Josh Pinkard (7-5, 6-0) and Richie Ferguson cruised past Tanner McGraw (6-1, 6-0).

In men's doubles, Amis and Walker defeated Steele and Dees 9-8 (7-5), Marston and White cruised past Houghton and McGraw (8-1), and Hancock and Matt Griffin clipped Pinkard and Arnold (8-4).

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ECCC tennis squads edged by Northeast

East Central Community College's tennis teams dropped a pair of 5-4 decisions to visiting Northeast Mississippi Community College Thursday in the final home matches of 2010.

Prior to the non-division competition, special recognition was given to the Lady Warrior and Warrior sophomores, who include Elise Gibbs and Abby McMillan, both of Newton; Rachel Ramirez of Forest; Colton Amis of Decatur; Dee Walker of Hickory; and Nathan Calvert of Louisville.

Gibbs and freshman Ashley Walker of Union were the lone Lady Warrior winners in women's singles, as they defeated Christina Puckett 6-4, 2-6 and 10-8 and Joanna Austin 7-6, (7-2) and 6-0, respectively. In other results, McMillan fell to Alexandra Kriss 5-7, 6-2, 7-10; Ramirez lost to Cassidy Beasley 6-0, 6-2; Hannah Peoples fell to Cassandra Bishop 6-3, 6-2; and Sami Elkins of Lena was clipped by Chrisa Holley 6-3, 6-1.

In women's doubles, Gibbs and McMillan edged Kriss/Puckett 9-7 and Ramirez and Peoples defeated Bishop/Holley 8-5. Elkins and Walker lost their match to Beasley/Austin by an 8-1 margin.

Warriors victorious in singles were Amis, who defeated Burt Wilkerson 6-4, 6-2; Will Marston of Union, who beat Witt Lucas 3-6, 7-6, (7-2), 10-6; Jason Hancock of Decatur, who clipped Colin Holley 6-1, 6-3; and Walker, who cruised past Josh Bascomb 6-1, 6-1. In other results, Richie Ferguson of Decatur lost to Matt Murphy 3-6, 2-6; and Matt Griffin of Union fell to Ben Ford 6-4, 6-3.

In men's doubles, Amis and Walker fell to Ferrell/Murphy 8-6; Marston and Hancock lost to Wilkerson/Lucas 8-5; and Griffin and White were clipped by Bascomb/Ford 9-7.

Competition resumes Monday, April 5 at Itawamba Community College and continues Tuesday, April 6 at Northeast Mississippi Community College. Regular season action concludes Thursday, April 13 at Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

The MACJC State Tennis Tournament will be held April 15-17 in Tupelo.

Dianne and Pat O'Neill and Kyle Watson serve as ECCC tennis coaches.

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WEEK OF May 10, 2010

ECCC tennis tryouts today

Tryouts for East Central Community College's tennis teams for 2010-11 will be held today on the Decatur campus.

Activities begin at 4 p.m. on the ECCC courts.

For more information, contact coach Dianne O'Neill, 601-862-2130. Her email is killerbdi@yahoo.com.

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WEEK OF June 14, 2010

2010 ECCC Men's Tennis Team

Members of the 2010 East Central Community College men's tennis team include (kneeling from left) Colton Amis and Darius "Dee" Walker, both from Newton County High School; Will Marston, Union; Jason Hancock, Newton County; and Danny Smith, Carthage; and (standing) Zac White, Union; Walter Stinson, Neshoba Central; Richie Ferguson, Newton County; Matt Griffin, Union; and Nathan Calvert of Louisville, and a product of Neshoba Central High School. Not pictured is Garret Moore of Union. Dianne and Patrick O'Neill and Kyle Watson serve as coaches.

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WEEK OF June 21, 2010

Lady Warrior Tennis Team Members

Members of the 2010 East Central Community College women's tennis team and their respective high schools are (kneeling from left) Hannah Peoples, Newton County Academy; Ashley Walker, Union; Anna Alexander, a home-schooled student from Little Rock; and Rachel Ramirez, Forest; and (standing) Sami Elkins, Forest; Elise Gibbs, Newton County; Aleisha Routh, Neshoba Central; and Abby McMillan, Newton County Academy.

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WEEK OF June 28, 2010

ECCC Tennis Award Winners

These East Central Community College tennis players received honors at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet held on the Decatur campus. Lady Warrior award winners and their respective high schools include (seated from left) Elise Gibbs of Newton County, team captain; Abby McMillan of Newton County Academy, Most Valuable Player and Academic Award; and Ashley Walker of Union, Warrior Award. Warrior team members receiving honors include (standing) Matt Griffin and Zac White, both of Union, Warrior Award recipients; and Jason Hancock of Newton County, team captain. Not pictured is Colby Amis, also of Newton County, Most Valuable Player.

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WEEK OF July 26, 2010

EC teams recognized for academic excellence

Several athletic teams representing East Central Community College in Decatur have been recognized for academic excellence on the national level.

The women's fast-pitch softball and men's tennis squads were named 2010 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Spring All-Academic Teams of the Year, and the Lady Warrior tennis squad is a co-recipient of the academic honor, according to a news release from the national office located in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Approximately 340 teams qualified for academic team accolades and more than 1,300 student athletes met requirements for individual academic recognition, said Mark Krug, NJCAA director of sports information and media relations.

Regarding the ECCC recognition, athletic director Chris Harris stated, "It's an honor and a privilege to have athletes perform well in the classroom and athletically. It's a reflection of the efforts of our student athletes, our instructors and our coaches that provides opportunities for our student athletes as they enter the next stage of their education."

The Lady Warrior softball team claimed the top academic spot after posting a 3.69 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, edging Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Ala., which had a 3.68 GPA.

Team members and their respective high schools include Morgan Malone, Madison Central; Sierra Farlow, Lauren Nicholas, Abbie Joiner, Emily Breland and Hailey Chisolm, all of Neshoba Central; Summer Alexander, Brittney Cochran and Kasie Buckley, all of Newton County; Olivia Maher, East Ascension High School, Gonzales, La.; Shelby Smith and Paige Holsen, both of Union; Chelsea Jones, Enterprise; Taylor Bailey, Bowie High School, Austin, Texas; and Hannah Lee, Leake Academy. Managers were Monica James of Leake Academy and Sydney Tucker of Neshoba Central.

Scott Hill, serves as head coach. Kristin Ghaney serves as assistant coach.

The ECCC softball team recently completed its most successful season in school history by finishing fourth in the 2010 NJCAA Division II Softball Tournament held May 20-22 in Normal, Illinois. The Lady Diamond Warriors, who finished 47-11, advanced to the national competition after winning the

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Region 23 crown.

The Lady Warrior tennis team also posted a 3.69 grade point average to share academic honors in the sport with Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College.

Team members and their respective high schools include Hannah Peoples and Abby McMillan, both of Newton County Academy; Ashley Walker, Union; Rachel Ramirez and Sami Elkins, both of Forest; Elise Gibbs, Newton County; and Anna Alexander, a home-schooled student from Little Rock.

The men's tennis team captured the academic award with a 3.39 grade point average, edging Rockland Community College of Suffern, New York, which posted a 3.33 GPA.

Squad members and their respective high schools include Colton Amis, Darius "Dee" Walker, Jason Hancock and Richie Ferguson, all of Newton County; Will Marston, Matt Griffin, Garret Moore and Zac White, all of Union; Danny Smith, Carthage; and Walter Stinson and Nathan Calvert, both of Neshoba Central.

Dianne O'Neill coaches both squads with assistance from her husband, Patrick O'Neill, and Kyle Watson.

The Lady Warrior soccer team was earlier named an NJCAA Fall Academic Team of the Year by posting a 3.45 grade point average, edging Navarro College of Corsica, Texas, which had a 3.43 GPA.

Team members and their respective high schools include Laurel Burnett, Neshoba Central; Kathryn White and Sarah Costello, both of Northeast Lauderdale; Brooke Boulton, Jessy Harrison, Polly Vaughn and Monica Vincent, all of Newton County; Alanna Fairchild and Liz Withers, both of Neshoba Central; Marcia Guerreiro, Richland; Jasmine Buclon, New Albany; Lisa Tubby, Philadelphia; Brandy Greer, Carthage; Jacqueline Pionan, Jerupang International, Labuan, Malaysia; Anna-Rose Blaylock, Newton County Academy; Mamie Shannon, a home-schooled student from Philadelphia; and managers Jarvis Jordan of Long Beach and Jesus Martinez of Grenada.

Kenneth Thompson serves as head coach and Brooke White was his assistant for the fall 2009 term.

The Lady Soccer Warriors also won the top academic award in 2005 with a 3.51 grade point average.

ECCC student athletes earlier announced as NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-Americans - those with at least a 3.8 grade point average – included tennis players Abby McMillan, Elise Gibbs and Jason Hancock; softball/basketball player Hannah Lee of Leake Academy; softball player Brittney Cochran; and soccer players Brandy Greer, Jared Mullins and Mamie Shannon, a home-school student from Philadelphia.

Student athletes chosen NJCAA Academic All-Americans for maintaining at least a 3.6 grade point average included football team member Jordan Vance, and soccer player Alanna Fairchild and golfer Griffin Burke, both of Neshoba Central.

To qualify as NJCAA Academic All-American, student athletes must have completed three semesters of work college work and participated in at least one athletic season.

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ECCC Lady Warrior Tennis Team

Members of the 2010 East Central Community College women's tennis team and their respective high schools include (kneeling from left) Hannah Peoples, Newton County Academy; Ashley Walker, Union; Anna Alexander, a home-schooled student from Little Rock; and Rachel Ramirez, Forest; and (standing from left) Sami Elkins, Forest; Elise Gibbs, Newton County; Aleisha Routh, Neshoba Central; and Abby McMillan, Newton County Academy. Dianne and Patrick O'Neill and Kyle Watson serve as coaches.

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